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COLE AND JOHNSON,

TWO REMARKABLE YOUNG MEN OF VERSITILE ABILITY.

A CREDIT TO THE NEGRO RACE!

President Roosevelt's Words Exemplified—'Tis Only by Painful Effort Grim Energy and Resolute Courage that we Move to Brighter Things.

When we look at the record of Negro achievements and sum up the material progress of the race, for the last decade or so, we marvel at the results with an almost unbelievable pride. And none too knowingly some one has said that the race's progress educationally, religiously, financially and materially is without a doubt unprecedented in history.

Now where there is so much progress by a race in a material way it is naturally expected that they will show some signs of advancement along the narrow and sacred path of art.

It seems to have been the plan of evolution since the beginning of time that when a race had reached a certain stage of development there came from their number men and women, as if chosen by some divine hand, to bring to light all the hidden beauties embodied in that race's characteristics. Men and women whose lives are devoted to the portrayal and development of all that is beautiful in that race.

So great has been the never-dying influences of these men and women upon the lives and developments of its individuals that nations would join in one accord with the races and sing their everlasting praise.

What race or manner of men would not be proud to claim a Wagner, a Paderewski, Patti, De Reske. Coolridge, Taylor, Tanner, Joe Jefferson and a host of other illustrious names that I might mention? Any race is proud of men and women who have devoted their lives to the development of their God-given talents for the benefit of mankind. And by its exhibition and manipulation they relieve the strain and stress of material things. They fire ambitions, they awaken imaginations, and make the world all the sweeter to live in.

Not only do races feel proud that God has chosen and given talents to members of their race that their work might illumine the dark avenues of life, but a race knows that every one of these successful men stand for mountains of work. "Never ceasing application, hard study and energy," and such qualities demand respect from other races. Thereby the pride manifested by races for their men and women of God-given talents. It means volumes

Chide a German about music, and he will unhesitatingly tell you of his Wagner; an Italian, and he will remind you that he belongs to a race that produced a Patti; and so with other races when called to account as to their men and women of talent.

No race can amount to anything without capital or talent. Capital is of no use if misapplied, and talent useless unless properly developed.

With these facts in mind one can readily account for the enormous popularity of and with what deep seated respect the better thinking Negroes of America regard Bob Cole and Rosamond Johnson, two well deserving young men who long since have discovered that "It is only by painful effort, grim energy and resolute courage that we move on to brighter things." And judging by the success of these two remarkable young men, they have certainly put this motto into practice. From obscure youngsters, with some God-given talents, they have risen by hard work and close application, many sacrifices and common sense to the position of being justly called "America's premier entertainers." They enjoy the honor of having appeared before more distinguished personages than any two like entertainers. The musical critic on the Boston Herald had this to say of them during their phenomenal engagement at Keith's million-dollar theater, at which they appeared during the entire month of December:

"To simply play the piano and sing, but to do both in such a manner as has not been heard in a theater in this city since Manager Keith originated a style of performance that is continuous, is something of an honor, but the full credit for doing so is due to Bob Cole and Rosamond Johnson, the colored entertainers who head the bill at this popular playhouse for the second week of their four weeks' engagement. Notwithstanding the acts that preceeded them on yesterday's bill were all of the first-class brand, there was no real enthusiasm manifested by the Monday afternoon assemblage until this brilliant duo came on the scene. Then there was hand-clapping that would have encouraged anyone, and Messrs. Cole and Johnson presented a program of pianoforte selections, classical and Negro ballads, that were more brilliant and enjoyable than their first week's repertoire."

Coming from such a strong newspaper as the Boston Herald certainly gives it a weight worth considering whether this article was the cause of B. F. Keith engaging them for the longest period ever known for an act in vaudeville is not known, but such is the case.

And when you study the individual and collective make-up of these two wonderful young men you will not marvel at their great success.

Both born of "the best blood of the South," Bob Cole born and brought up in Georgia, a student of the Atlanta University, acquired his musical education, as he says, outside of the conservatory. He has written more popular songs and plays than you can shake a stick at, and made a worldwide reputation as one of the greatest character actors in America by playing the part of the tramp in "A Trip to Coontown," a famous musical comedy, of which he was co-author with Billy Johnson, his former partner, and despite the financial reverses that caused the dissolution of their partnership three years ago, and a siege of ill health which followed closely causing a temporary retirement, he again springs to the front with the present firm of Cole and Johnson, making one of America's greatest theatrical attractions, a hard student of creative mind and powerful imaginative and "loaded to the hilt with ambition."

Rosamond Johnson, born in Florida, attended Staunton school in that city until he moved to Boston to perfect himself in music. The fact that his father being one of the wealthiest men in the south did not check his desire to hustle for himself. Once in musical Boston he sought a position to procure means to pay his tuition for a course at the New England Conservatory. He found a position, the pay of which hardly covered his expenses, he set about to the herculean task of learning to play the piano correctly. He managed to buy a piano, and now he laughingly tells how the landladies of boaring houses would object to his continuous pounding on the instrument, and how they would not always politely dispossess him. Thus he went the rounds of the Boston boarding houses until he struck one whose landlady was hard of hearing before he found a permanent Boston residence. After years of hard study in a Boston conservatory, with lectures and lessons from the best American and foreign instructors, he went south to take the chair of music in a Southern college, and at the time of the Jacksonville fire had the largest musical conversatory in the South. Besides being a hard student and fine pianist, he possesses a well cultivated baritone voice, remarkable for its sweetness and brilliancy. His musical compositions have been the comment of some of the best musicians of America for their originality and scholarship He works harder to-day to prefect himself in his chosen calling than he did when he started. A glance at the daily routine of work accomplished by these young men would dishearten the hardest "day" laborer, and put some of the "would-be" hard workers to shame. Besides appearing twice daily in their refined entertainment to thousands of people, they are head over heels at work in their rooms writing new music, plays, songs, sketches, correcting manuscripts and doing a score of more important things, one of which would entirely exhaust an ordinary mind. It is hardly possible to conceive the work that these young men turn out from their seemingly inexhaustable workshop.

Just to think, at the biggest gathering of college folks in America, notably the Harvard and Yale football game, the products of these two young Negroes' brains were one of the sensations of the day. While the Harvard boys were singing for life and death, "Oh, Didn't He Ramble," the Yale boys were bursting their throats with "Under the Bamboo Tree," both songs written by Cole and Johnson, and that these two greatest schools of learning in America sang songs composed by these two young men of the race is enough to make the whole Negro race proud of them.

Despite the fact that every white newspaper along the line where they have played this season has devoted

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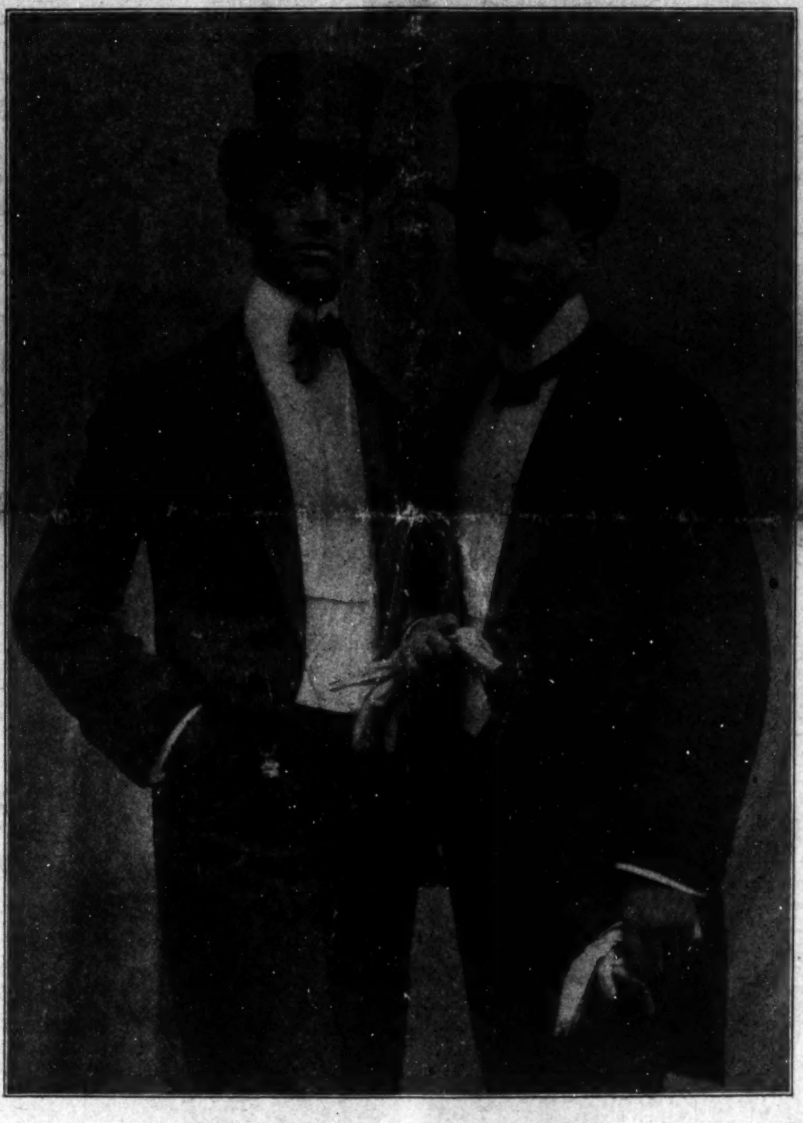

Bob Cole and Rosamond Johnson,

AMERICA'S PREMIER ENTERTAINERS.

CHRISTMAS DOINGS!

ENTERTAINMENTS AND DINNERS OF THE GREAT HOLIDAY.

TWO MARCH TO HYMAN'S ALTAR!

And There Take the Solemn Vow to Journey Together until Life's Dream is O'er—Severe Accident from Cannon Cracker—The Social Whirl.

Cairo, Ill., Special.—Owing to the heavy rain and sleet last Sunday, there were small crowds at the churches. It was very slippery Sunday afternoon and many persons fell; among them was Mrs. M. Smith, of 506 Washington avenue, who fell and came near dislocating her hip. Mrs. Inez Lee and Miss Dora Perkins are visiting in Trenton, Tenn. J. P. Harrison left the city last Sunday for Chicago, where he will spend the winter. John Hudson, of Chicago, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Carrie M. Fields, in Walnut street. Mrs. Anna Merriweather, of St. Louis, is the guest of her mother, in Commercial avenue. Mrs. Emma Freeman entertained at dinner on Christmas day Mrs. Anna Merriweather, Misses Cora Marshall, Della Alexander, Lulu Johnson, Hattie Freeman, Messrs. Alexander Saxton, Silvesta Louis, W. C. Griffin and Edward Overby. Mrs. Nellie Fowler, of Texas Bend, Mo., while playing with a cannon cracker on Christmas Eve, had her hand almost torn off. There were only two fingers and thumb left. Mrs. Mary Smith is ill at her home in Railroad avenue. The brother of Charles Kowin is visiting him from Fulton, Ky. Mrs. Carrie Fields and two cousins, of Missouri, were in Mound City on the 23d ult., to be present at the marriage of her brother, Thomas Hudson, to Miss A. Duncan. The affair was one of the grandest home weddings that has been witnessed in this section in many years. All relatives of both parties were present. The repast served included all the dainties and luxuries that the season affords. Rev. Ricks, of Cairo, officiated. After the ceremony the bride, groom and assembled guests repaired to Cairo to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Fields, where the infair was held. It was a most enjoyable affair. Last call to our delinquent patrons! The new year has dawned and we have made resolutions not to carry any "dead heads," but to publish their names as a warning to others. Miss Ollie Parker is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Moseley, in Mound City. Frank Slaughter visited his father in Mt. Vernon, Ill., during the holidays. Mrs. Ella Ward, of Desoto, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. W. O. Lancaster, in this city. Miss Anna Jones who has been in St. Louis for the past year attending business college, is here spending her vacation. The installation exercises of the Masonic lodge on the 27th ult., marked an epoch in secret society circles in this city. After the installation a musical program was rendered, after which a grand supper was served. Those who were favored with an invitation had a most enjoyable time. The concert to be given by the Buffaloes in the near future, promises to be a grand event. The best local talent will take part. Don't forget the entertainment to be given by the porters and waiters in a few weeks.

FUTRELL CITY NOTES.

Mrs. Harkins and little daughter were handsomely remembered by Santa Claus on Christmas. Mrs. Hunt served an elegant dinner on the 25th ult. Mr. and Mrs. Simpson entertained at dinner Christmas day, in honor of their daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Williams also had a great spread on Christmas day. Give us your subscription.

Pertinent, Pithy Pickings.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Special.—After an illness of two weeks, Mrs. Anna Mason is able to be out. Messrs. Stanley and Marshall entertained on the 1st at Cliff hotel. Mr. Aiken and Mrs. C. Mackaway, of Buffalo, spent Friday in the city with friends. Miss Lulu Sutton has been visiting friends in Toronto for several weeks.

Should be in Every Home.

EDITOR FREEMAN:—Have just received The Freeman, and 'tis surely a holiday number and worthy of room in every home in America. We wish you a happy and prosperous New Year.

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CHAPTER VII.

THE PLOT'S CONSUMMATION.

"What story is not full of woman's falsehood?
The sex is all a sea of wide destruction;
We are vent'rous barks, that leave our home
For some sure dangers which their smiles conceal."
—[LEE.

Ella Watson went as far as Chicago with the old man; during the distance from New York to Chicago she black mailed him into giving her two thousand dollars in small greenbacks. When she got to Chicago she "jumped" the train and returned to New York to her colored lover, Jerry Stratton. The old man was miles west of Chicago before he missed her, as she left him to go to the ladies dressing room to comb her hair (so she said.) He did not then realize that he had been "done." The colored Pullman car porter told him that he saw a lady running after the train after it pulled out of Chicago, and the old man concluded she had left the car and did not return before it started on its California journey. He expected her to follow on the next through train, but she did not. After he had been in Oakland, Cal, two weeks the truth dawned upon him.

When Ella Watson returned to New York she gave the money to her colored lover, who was diplomatic enough to immediately give it back to her, with the remark: "No, Ella, you keep it; you are the 'banker' of this firm, I am only the 'broker.' You hold the money; I'll do the rest, ha! ha!"

For five years Ella Watson and Jerry Stratton lived together in what they called "bliss." Woman is inconstant; man is changeable. The man of the world who is living an immoral life soon tires of his female toy and gets another one; the woman of the world—woman like—is never true to the man she is supposed to love. She has other toys with which she plays, but—she is careful not to let "a good thing" slip through her fingers. Ella Watson was "only a woman," with all the passions of womanhood of her class, and she rightly guessed that Stratton would soon tire of her, and unless she had some legal hold on him, he would leave her, she therefore resolved to marry him. New York state—God's country—a man or woman can marry the person they want, regardless of "race, color or previous condition." Ella Watson resolved to marry Jerry Stratton; in order to do so she was first obliged to get a divorce from her white husband. In order to do this she took a female companion in confidence—got her to lure Watson to New York City from Bridgeport, Conn., to the "Admiral Hotel," where the woman and Watson registered as "Mr. Amos B. Clark and wife." Soon after they had retired, Ella Watson and three witnesses (two of whom were detectives and the third one Jerry Stratton, her lover) broke in Watson's room and got the needful evidence for a divorce—which she got and married her colored over. She was now Stratton's full-fledged wife, with all of a New York state wife's rights. Jerry Stratton borrowed five hundred dollars from his wife the day after they were married, and "played the races," winning nine hundred dollars more, all of which he gave her, with the exception of one hundred dollars. With this he played poker and won three hundred dollars more. He then concluded to give up his position at the "Admiral Hotel" and live the life of a sport, but he was afraid his wife (who had all the coin) would treat him as a dependent of charity. The problem of his mind was: "To leave work or not to leave." It was solved for him by the hotel burning down, or more properly speaking, burning out, one morning when there was another fire in the same district and the engines were late in getting there. They moved in a "flat" house occupied by white people in One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, West

When they first moved in the flat (which was a ground, or first floor one) and the neighbors saw Stratton's dark complexion, they raised an uproar at the idea of living under the same roof with a "nigger," but when Mrs. Stratton told them that she was Spanish and her husband a native of Cuba, who was seldom at home on account of his business, they accepted the situation and tried to be "chummy" neighbors They did not have the opportunity to carry out their program, as the Stratton's were hardly ever home. They rented the flat, which they furnished in great style, simply to have a home, or more properly speaking, an asylum, where they could sleep one or two nights in the week when not elsewhere having "a good time"

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Emancipation Celebration.

Albany, Ga., Special—January 1st was a great day in Albany, it being Emancipation day. Dr. J. J. Durham, of Savannah, delivered the principal address, which was a gem Dr. Durham is a gentleman and a scholar Few towns in the South has more wealth among members of the race than we can boast of. We have some of the best farmers, merchants, blacksmith, carpenters, doctors and druggists in the state. Our young men and women are of the best type Our schools are among the best in the country, with Profs Murray and Holmes at their head. Rev. H. P. Butler, our Presbyterian minister, was married on the 17th ult, to Miss James, of Aiken, S C We extend our congratulations and wish them success. John D. Todd is wearing a new smile, caused by the arrival of a baby boy at his home. The Brown Bros.' orchestra filled an engagement of one week at Cuthbert recently. The C. M. E. conference of Southern Georgia was held recently at Valdosta. Rev. O A. Waddell, former pastor here, was sent to Marshalville. He was succeeded by Rev. M. H. Rutherford. Rev Lee O'Neal, P. E., has held his last quarterly conference for 1902

NORMAL INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE.

A Few Remarks of Vital Importance to the Progressive Negro.

As no man can expect other people to respect him if he does not respect himself, so no people can expect other people to respect them unless they respect themselves. The constant effort of a class of Negroes of this country to discount themselves does more to injure the race than everything else that can be put down in the world against it. I have no fear of external forces harming us if the Negro will be true to himself. I fear that this subject is lost sight of by those who wish the Negro to succeed. By being true to his own natural characteristics, does not mean that he should be an enemy to any other people. Indeed, the more a man respects himself, the more able he is to appreciate others. I must confess that it is a very hard matter for a people in inferior condition, living in the midst of a people in superior condition, not to desire to be like those who seem to be superior. But it must be borne in mind that the very fact that those in inferior condition who seek to get away from themselves instead of away from their condition is an acknowledgment of the superiority of the man in superior condition. This acknowledgment on the part of the Negroes of this country does not only act as a stimulant to the rising generations of white girls and boys, but it depresses the ambition of the Negro boys and girls. This is seen in the oft heard monition to a white boy, who is inclined to be a little stubborn and recalcetrant, "don't be a nigger." This often has the desired effect, and the boy is stimulated to act in the direction desired. Now this subject may be treated lightly by the leaders of the race, but that does not do away with the fact that it is fundamental and must underline industry, intelligence and religion itself. I repeat that the battle is won whenever we can get the youth of the race to put upon itself the proper appreciation. It is just as dangerous to underestimate oneself as it is to overestimate. All industrial education in the world, all the book learning of the world, theology of the world, will be poured into a people in vain as long as that people fail to put the proper estimation upon themselves. It does not involve the question of equality of races. But it does mean that every race of the globe will so honor itself that it will beautify its own physical features and characteristics, and so adorn and exalt its own social circles as to give ample scope for its own social ambition without seeking admission into the social circles of other races. Indeed, the very life of a people depends upon making its own social circles by reason of culture, industry and moral stamina so attractive and inviting that other people will seek admisison into them. Now, I repeat that these ideas instilled into our youth are just as necessary for our racial life and growth as air and water. The leader who fails to recognize these cardinal principles fails to see those things which are the very foundation of race building. There may come a time far beyond the millennium dawned when there will be no racial differentiation, and all social distinctions will be obliterated, but in the living present demarcations and differentiations must be recognized. Indeed, each race in its own sphere, in its own place, adorning itself, shining with all of its might like the stars in the firmament above, giving light to all the other worlds, remaining in their own places, will do more to hasten the millennium and thereby fit itself to enter into the general comingling of races, which seems to be the irradescent dream of those who now seek to get away from themselves.

For years in my writings and public addresses, I have tried to reason and ridicule our people out of the desire to discount themselves as seen in the coon song and the advertisements in nearly all of our Negro papers of such as "Hair straightener and black skin remover." There are many amusing, beautiful and charming songs that may be seen among that class of music known as coon songs, and still there are some that are heard on almost every piano and organ in Negro homes that are a disgrace to any people. It is the imperative duty of every man and woman who pretends the leadership to cry out against these things. How can any other race respect us when we say in our songs and our lives that our skins are distasteful to us, that we do not like our hair, and that we hate our race. As I have stated above, these things have a great tendency to make the very people whom we strive so hard to imitate and get among hate and despise us. Our children in the filthy back alleys, or playing upon the carpets of our parlors, surely can not be inspired by "Coon, Coon, Coon," "I Wish My Color Would Change," or "All Coons Look Alike to Me," or "I Don't Like That Face You Wear," "Black Broad Nos and Kinky Hair," or "My Blood is Going to Change from Red to Blue," or a Hundred other as disgusting and unwise songs Now, these songs in themselves mean nothing, but when taken in connection with current advertisements, reflecting upon the race and its physical features, mean a great deal. I never thought it a disgrace to be called black or for my hair to be kinky. I see no disgrace or no exhaltation in any kind of physical features. "A man is a man for all that."

PEORIA GLEANINGS.

New Year Brings New Resolutions and Much Noise—Grim Reaper Makes a Harvest.

Peoria, Ill, Special.—Peorians enjoyed the happiness of Yule Tide in every possible way. Santa Clause was much in evidence. Many valuable presents were received and donated; and, of course, egg-nogs were the order of the day.

Mr. and Mrs Harper, 107 Swinnerton street, entertained at Christmas dinner Mr. and Mrs. Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. Harper and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cozart and children (Master Thomas and little Miss Fay). Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Wright and their daughter, Miss Etta, of Grand Rapids, Mich, spent the holidays visiting Mr. and Mrs E H. Hagen. Mrs. Hagen is a sister of Mrs. Wright.

Messrs. Frank Butler and Furman Wormley of Chicago and Washington, D C., were in the city as guests of Mr. Hagen and J. H. Conway. The above visitors were highly entertained while in the city by Mrs. Somers, Mr. and Mrs. Hagen, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Gibson and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Conway. On their departure the guests expressed their gratitude and went away singing "I have a longing in my heart for you, Sweet Peoria."

Last Thursday was business meeting day at the Women's club. The next meeting will be the third Thursday in January, and there will be an interesting literary program rendered.

Miss Sarah Williams, a teacher in the public schools at Cairo, spent the holidays visiting Mrs. Jackson at 609 McReynold street.

Mrs. Bird of Chicago, formerly of Peoria, was a guest of Mrs. Pierce on Swinnerton street, Christmas week.

Mr. Arthur Willioughby spent Sunday in Peoria, after which he departed for Kansas City, Mo.

Mrs. Watson entertained friends at dinner Christmas day.

Mr. J. C. Haynes spent the holidays at Macomb visiting his family.

The son of Mr. Curtis, 1030 Monson street, arrived in the city from Kansas City, Mo., last week very sick.

Elmer Johnson's funeral was largely attended, and many floral offerings were in evidence. The Odd Fellows' lodge, of which deceased was a member, sent an offering representing the emblem of the order, in the form of three links. Mrs. Bulton and sister sent a large pillow of roses. The Zion Baptist Literary society sent a large anchor which was very artistically gotten up. Many other floral contributions were sent. Rev. J. S. Wood came from Chicago to officiate at the funeral. Messrs. E. Wade and —— Davis died recently. B. Fields is still very sick.

Nuggets New and Novel.

Selma, Ala., Special.—Mr. and Mrs. W. L Gilliam spent the holidays in Birmingham, the guests of relatives. Rev. Carter, of the Zion A. M. E. church, was baptized on the 21st ult, by Rev. W. T. Coleman, in the First Baptist church, and is now a strong supporter of the Baptist cause. Dr. Carter is one of the ablest speakers in Alabama and numbers his friends by the score. Edward Reid, an old Selma boy, but now living in Chicago, spent the holidays here with his parents, in Maple street. Miss Fleta Jones, who is teaching in Richmond, Ala, spent the holidays here.

Interesting Happenings.

McKeesport, Pa., Special.—Mr. and Mrs. Laney and Mr. and Mrs. Jackson were in Pittsburg last Wednesday attending the funeral of Mr. C. A. Knox Mr. Lech is on the sick list. The imperial juniors quartette sang at the district union held at Clark's Chapel Baptist church, at Homestead, last Sunday. Misses Minnie and Mary Ross left for their homes in Virginia last Monday Mr. and Mrs. Blair were visitors to friends in Pittsburg last week. Miss Ida Hollin was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McCard last Tuesday Misses Maude and Blanche Randolph of Monongahela City were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gray for the holidays

Holds Interesting Meetings.

Peoria, Ill., Special.—The Mount Zion Baptist church literary society is holding some very interresting meetings at which live subjects are discussed in a very intelligent manner.

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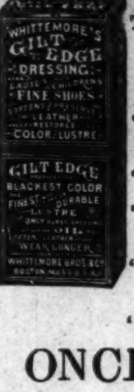

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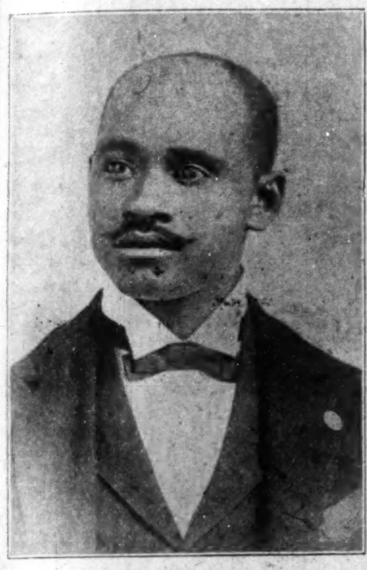

F. T. Pell, of the Hotel Arlington, Syracuse, N. Y., has newly refitted the hotel throughout, and it presents a handsome appearance.

Frank Brown, proprietor of the Waldorf Hotel, Syracuse, N. Y., gave a dance and free lunch entertainment on the 10th ult. The hotel was crowded to suffocation, owing to the popularity of Mr. Brown among the boys.

Capt. Clarence Davie, headwaiter, and his crew of twenty-five first class waiters at the Albion Hotel, Augusta, Ga., extend a merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all the boys, wishing them many years of good health and prosperity.

Social and General News.

Cuthbert, Ga., Special.—Friendship Baptist church was the scene of quite a brilliant affair on the 18th ult., the occasion being the annual December concert of St. Stephen's Institute, of which Prof. J. G. Green is president. The attendance was unusually large. Each number was well rendered. Mr. Green, the principal, is perhaps one of the most remarkable young men the race has ever produced in this state. He is doing a wonderful work among his people and has made for himself an enviable reputation. The evening's exercises opened with prayer, after which the principal made a few remarks in the interest of The Freeman. His remarks marks were loudly applauded. Then came Miss Green, who rendered a beautiful solo. The program consisted of numerous songs, recitations and solos, all of which were well rendered. "Hello Central," by request, was sung by little Miss Jimmie Lee Hall, to the delight of the audience. An old time "plantation marriage" concluded the evening's entertainment, amid applause. Miss Florence Fields, an accomplished young lady of Savannah, Ga., presided at the organ. She is also an assistant at the Institute.

Items from California.

Palo Alto, Cal., Special,—Lewis Terrell is improving in health. He spent Sunday in San Jose. Mrs. R. English and Miss Ollie Jackson have returned home after spending a month in the southern part of the State with friends. Prof. Booker T. Washington will address the students at Standfort University on Jan. 8. A. Harris, one of Palo Alto's first class business men, is doing a fine business. Wm. Picket has accepted a job on the streets. R. English, the house cleaning contractor, is doing a rushing business this season. S. Harris, one of the leading expressmen, is doing a fine business.

OUR JOURNALIST'S AND LITERARY FOLKS.

By Charles Alexander.

Charles Killbuck. By Francis C. Huebner. Illustrated by W. F. Gilmore. The Herbert Publishing Company, Washington, D. C. 320 pages, $1.50.

A thrilling Indian story in which Captain Pipe, who had a voracious and inordinate fondness for tobacco, proves a very treacherous redskin, and Captain White Eyes a brave hero. Some new chapters of great value are added to American history, the result of considerable research on the part of the author. The book will prove of special interest to the people of Ohio, as it throws considerable light upon the stirring events of 1770-1781 in the Muskingum Valley. Both the author, Mr. Huebner, and the artist, Mr. Gilmore, are Ohio men. The first is at present Superintendent of Drawing in the Canton public schools, while the latter is employed in a legal capacity by the United States government. The chief object of the story is to correct some of the errors of conventional historical works concerning the part played by the Delawares in the Revolutionary war. In doing this the author has given us a rare and beautiful story of Indian life and traditions.

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A Man for A' That. By George Van Derveer Morris. Jenning & Pye, Cincinnati, Ohio. 403 pages, $1.50.

A splendid story for young men. It points out the real benefits of co-education, as well as the helpful influence of college life. The opening scene is laid at Darnford College. All of the characters are well drawn and the incidents are full of life. Scott, the principal character, secures our interest from the start, and finally gains our admiration on account of the noble work accomplished after his graduation from college.

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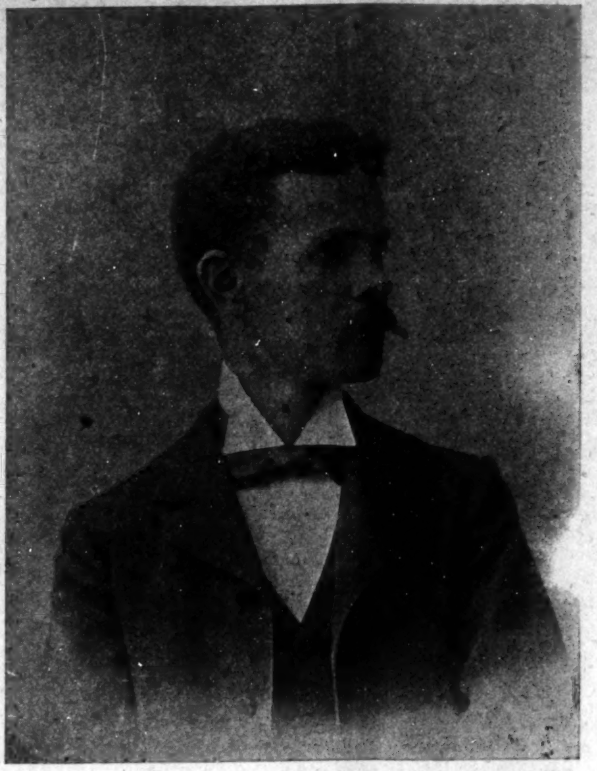
The Success of Mark Wyngate. By Una L. Silberrad. Doubleday, Page & Co., New York. 320 pages, $1.50.

We have in this story men and women who move and talk as in actual life. The chemist, with his science-lore, gives the novel that mysterious charm that hovers about things not easily explained. The humor is wholesome and refreshing. A young man and a young woman formed a partnership; they discovered a new dye that was certain to bring wealth; they were in love all the while, but neither made the confession until the sad conclusion, which is a little disappointing to the reader. The author's style is vigorous and direct. Her portraiture is clear and comprehensive and will appeal to any reader who admires good literary work.



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Dorothy South. By George Cary Eggleston. Lothrop Publishing Company, Boston, Mass. 455 pages, $1.50.

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Richard Gordon. By Alexander Black. Illustrated by Ernest Fuhr. Lothrop Publishing Company, Boston, Mass. 506 pages, $1.50.

A novel dealing with New York society people. The plot is well conceived, well developed, well rounded out. The hero is a manly and virile character, while the heroine is a charming, lovable and essentially feminine creation. The book is one of the most attractive from every standpoint we have seen this season, and it would make a very fine gift-book for Christmas.

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The Price of Africa. By S. Earl Taylor. Jennings & Pye, Cincinnati, Ohio. 226 pages, 50 cents.

This is the first of a series of little text-books on the Forward Mission Study Courses to be issued by the joint efforts of the United Society of Christian Endeavor and the Epworth League. This first book contains life sketches of such great missionaries as David Livingstone, Adolphus C. Good, Alexander McKay, and Melville B. Cox. There are several good maps in black and white and one large map of Africa in colors.

News Items.

New Lewisville, Ark. Special.—A social entertainment was given at the residence of Mrs. Adams in honor of Hon. M. M. Murray. Quite a number of distinguished persons were present. Mr. Murry is a real estate dealer and and a school teacher of 25 years experience, and has lived here 17 years. He is now earnestly engaged in securing the names of all ex-slaves to be laid before Congress and the President, Petitioning the passage of house bill, No. 11,404, to pension ex slaves.

News Personal and General.

Yazoo City, Miss. Special.—Owing to the absence of Rev. Russel attending conference, Rev. Dixon filled the pulpit at the A M E church on the 21st ult. We are glad that Bishop Tyree returned him for another year. L. B. Daniels has adorned his bachelors hall with a beautiful wife, in the person of Miss Florence Hudson. We congratulate them and wish them smooth sailing on the matrimonial sea.

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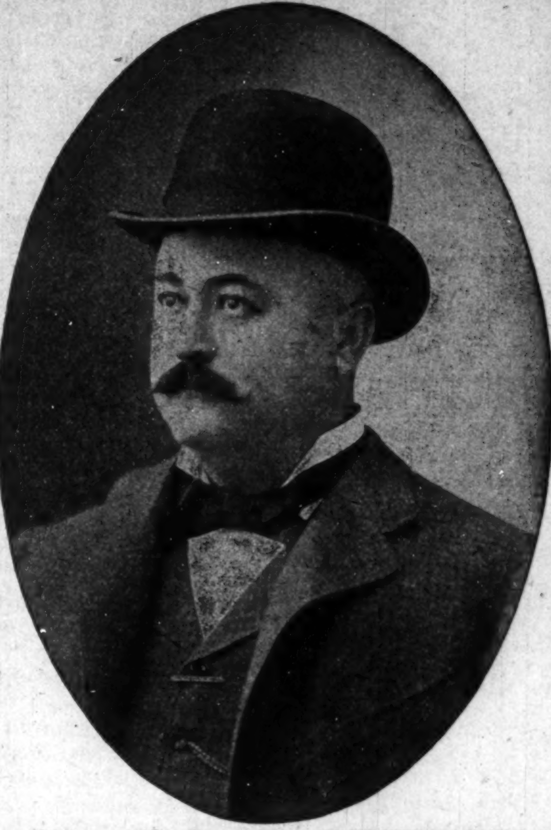

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SHERIFF DUDLEY.

According to the evidence produced a few only can take exceptions to the Governor's decision in the Dudley matter. According to the law and the evidence he could only do what he did, as the court in the case. The recently enacted anti-lynching law of the State makes it incumbent on sheriffs to protect all prisoners when in custody. If they fail in exerting every known means to that end the law holds them as derelicts in duty, and they forfeit their official positions.

Dillard, a colored man, was lynched a few weeks ago, while in the custody of Sheriff Dudley. According to the evidence gathered by those who are interested in supporting the laws and defending the name of the State the sheriff was indifferent, if not an actual partisan in the affair. He did not exhaust all means at protection as he swore to do on taking office.

The Governor is the court in such matters. The situation, it may be presumed, has been a very delicate one for him owing to the possibility of it becoming a political issue, which was not at all unlikely because of racial differences. But, as we view it, he has been equal to the occasion in being blind to all influences except those that bore directly upon the case. He feels that the sheriff did not exert himself to his utmost in preserving his prisoner as well as violating the law as to requisition.

The Governor expresses the humane side in his regrets for depriving Dudley of his office, but he rightfully insists that the laws must be obeyed. They have not been obeyed in this case, and so far as the Governor can control, Dudley has lost his office.

We take the decision as a victory for law and order and not as a racial partisan triumph to make merry over. Rejoicing will be wholly out of order; but way down in the heart of hearts the race feels profoundly grateful for a decision governed totally by the facts presented and not by racial partisan rancor.

Some may insist that the Governor has simply done his duty; it may be true, but that is more than a notion owing to our complex political racial situation which seeks to shape and fashion things according to might rather than by right. In view of the known situation he is certainly to be commended, and it will not be too much to say that the law-abiding element of the State, and it is greatly in majority, will cheerfully sanction his finding in the matter, according to the present law.

The Governor does not hesitate to condemn such crimes, all crime, insisting that they deserve adequate punishment, but such punishment should be at the hands of those duly authorized —it is the colored man's hope in this country. If they be guiltier than others let them suffer in accordance, but by the laws and by those in authority. It is to be hoped that the example of the Governor will become contagious and that other Governors and State assemblies will see that the hand of love is as potent as that of mail. We are also thankful for Governor Durbin.

It is said that Dudley will test the constitutionality of the law on the point wherein sheriffs are relieved from office. From evidence Dudley is guilty enough, but there may be other sheriffs that may not be guilty. To these the present law works hardships in that the animus of its attack is the sheriffs rather than the mob. If the sheriff connived at Dillard's death, he is a murderer and the relieving from office is an acknowledgement of the fact. If a murderer he should have the law on the point; hence it stands to reason that such cases need juries. Lawyers know all about accessory before and after the fact, particeps criminis, and such like. The law can stand a change on the point.

DR. J. M. TOWNSEND.

At Bethel church, last Sunday evening, Dr. Townsend, in his sermon, said: "Man and all things about him are the same. A fact of a thousand years ago is as much a fact as though it happened yesterday. Advances may be made in demonstrating a fact, but the fact is a truth, and truth cannot be improved upon. The gospel is truth, hence it cannot change." Rev. Townsend was proving the permancy of the gospel, and that it suffers not through the mutations of time.

He thought the tendency of to day was to find a substitute for the legacy of the Christ or to make improvements on the gospel so that it be acceptable to latter day notions. "But," says he, "if this generation refuses to hear it will go to sleep, and God will raise up a people that will hear; He will have a people." He insisted that there were Sodoms and Gomorrahs to-day. Our large cities will stand for them. Sinful man requires the same terms for salvation as he did in those days. The remission of sins through the shedding of blood on Calvary, stands to-day as it did from the date of that eventful period.

"Heaven and hell have not changed. The one is yet the home—paradise to which those are tending that accept the Christ. The miseries of hell are the same, and Christ is the same dear Savior—Jesus, the name, 'tis music, 'tis life, health, peace. God is the same; the God of Jacob, Isaac and Abraham and the Holy Spirit is the same. And that which saved the fathers of the early ages is good enough for us, their children."

Doctor Townsend is not en rapport with the so-called up-to-date religion He wants more of the Christ spirit—the fervor that bespake those of former days —the log cabin kind when the fire of His love ran from heart to heart burning up all dross. Says he, "the newer idea means empty pews, prayerless homes, pomp and display in dress, keeping up a show of respectability."

Dr. Townsend has great respect for the old line gentlemen; so by nature and conserving sense. "In these days," he says, "it takes high schools, colleges and professors to turn out people that count. Do not be in a hurry in getting away from Christ; He has not changed, and his religion is not a shifting some thing nor passing fad.

AN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

The coming legislature would make no mistake if it appropriated money for the establishment of an industrial and training school for colored youths of the State. Indianapolis alone needs such an institution. All this talk about we are this and that gets nothing for us. In the trades the colored people have made no advancement to speak of, nor can they under the circumstances. Prejudice cannot be controlled; the next best thing ought to be done. The thinking part of the people know the needs of the colored people. The legislature will be made up of men who think, and it is very likely that if there is a way to help along this line it will be cheerfully done. A school that embraces industrialism in its strictest sense, a practical school, a school that conducts immediately to some business with the least friction is it. Concerns can manufacture for colored people if they cannot for the whites, but the distinction is not necessary—the best is always in demand. It's a pity that this community of 20,000 colored people must depend on the white man's hoe for its daily bread, yet the inference is scarcely overdrawn—competition in the products of the farms is fair A good school would create incentives in that direction. Turkeys have been selling at twenty-two cents a pound. The one that can successfully raise them need not fear starvation. The same applies generally. Give us an industrial institution that will employ the many young men and women in shops as the whites are employed, real shops in schools if not in the world of affairs. Missouri supports an industrial school, also Kentucky, and most of the Southern States make some provision for schools of this kind. Indiana can well afford to fall in line.

The Baltimore American has the following:

WANTED—A capable colored Republican of Maryland to serve as United States Minister to Liberia.

That paper goes on to say that President Roosevelt has indicated a willingness to appoint a Marylander.

It is strange that Maryland has no candidate for such an important post without resorting to a microscopic process to find one. Four thousand dollars per annum is a considerable sum; not to be sneezed at, and yet Maryland, with all its Baltimore, has no claimant for the signal honor; it's really distressing And here is the dear old State of Indiana, where politics is an eternal epidemic; it has no one to offer. Mr. Lott, attorney, the erstwhile candidate for Recorder of Deeds at Washington, D C, resigns his "logicality" in the interest of whom it may concern. Mr. Brewer, the picture of content, is still satisfied in doing statistics over in the State capitol, and that about cleans up the city of available timber. Some one has been mean enough to insist that Indianapolis was the State, and unless the story is promptly contradicted it will be believed.

We wish to call attention to a mistake made in the Christmas issue of this paper as it concerns an article from the pen of Charles Alexander, the versatile writer of Wilberforce, Ohio. "Future Prospects" was written by Mr. Alexander and not by Hon. John P Green as one would infer from the cut of Mr. Green, which appears in the article. We take this opportunity to set Mr. Alexander right, disclaiming any intention whatever of doing him an injustice.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie has accepted an invitation from Booker T. Washington to visit the Tuskegee Institute sometime during the latter part of February or the first of March. Some months ago Mr. Carnegie gave the money for the new library building at Tuskegee, and is becoming more and more interested in the work of the school.

Joseph H. Broyles has been selected by William Davis, county clerk, as a clerk in his office. Mr. Broyles is efficient and has wide political acquaintance. As a campaign worker he is tireless and effective We congratulate Mr. Broyles—he is one of the old guard.

Notable, Newsy Nuggets.

Mound City, Ill., Special.—Jack Wade is on the sick list. Rev. H. C. Burton spent the holidays with his family at Sparta. The following persons will be initiated into the Daughters of Rebecca at its next meeting: Mrs. Fannie Smith, Misses Martha Bolen and Bertha Smith. Mrs. Ida M. Parnell, of Chicago, who is on her way South, stopped over to spend the holidays with her aunt, Mrs. Lula Kelley, of this city. Mrs. Ida Sams, after an absence of six weeks, returned on the 24th. Mrs. William Hubbard is preparing to spend a month with relatives in Reeves, Tenn. The Christmas entertainments were all well patronized; the school netting $20 from their concert on the 27th. Miss Mattie Foulks spent this week with friends in Olmsted. Mrs. Flora Curtis and son are in St. Louis. Etherinda Burgess visited in Olmsted during the holidays. D. R. Butcher, of Springfield, O., spent Xmas day in this city, the guest of Charles Penn. Attorney C. L. Rice has been appointed to a responsible position at Springfield. On Tuesday evening, the 23d ult., at 5 p. m., a very quiet wedding occurred, in which Thomas Hudson and Miss Augusta Duncan were principals. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. H. Sydes, of Cairo. The happy couple are at home at the residence of the bride's mother in Diamond street. B. P Lee, of Columbus, Ky., spent a few days in the city. Dewitt Love is home from Chester, having been deprived of his position by political action. Charles Smiley was in Cairo on Christmas Eve. John Hudson, of Chicago, spent the holidays here with relatives.

Soldiers' Addresses Wanted.

Henry N. Copp, attorney-at-law, Washington, D. C., wants the addresses of below named colored soldiers, who served in the civil war; if dead, their heirs. Information will be paid for: John W. Dent, 3d cavalry; Jerry Smith, 3d artillery; Daniel Banks, Albert Bates, Peter Broddy, Paton Giles, Anderson Hoffman, George Nally, George Nickols, William Robbins, Joseph Roney, Rowan Samuels and Willis Stone, 5th cavalry; George Bibb, Charles Cantwell, Jesse Darnell, Louis Darbney, John Gault, Frank McFarland, John Price, Dennis Roberts and Washington Smith, 13th artillery; Charles Brown, George W. Harmon and Simon Smith, 11th infantry; Huston Bailess, William Brodwell, Henry Clay, and Elias Smith, 27th infantry; Edward Washington and John C. Louis, 28th infantry; William A. Bates, George Cooper, Henry Crouch, Henry Harrison, Patrick Henry and George Sizemore, 43d infantry; Granville Elliott, Mathew Felts, David Hunt, Albert Jackson, William King, Peter Tardy and William Winn, 59th infantry; Roger Edwards, 107th infantry; Moses Able, Moses Ballard, Harrison Butler, Robert Burdett, John A. Cecil, Simon Cook, David Wilmot, Moses Etherton, Squire Garrison, Henry Hamilton, John W. Hopkins, Jerry Morris, Grandison Smith, Beverly Taylor and George Washington, 123d infantry; Timothy Filan and Patrick McCormick, 135th infantry. Ministers of the gospel and secretaries of lodges and others interested may help worthy families by giving public announcement of the above list and posting it in conspicuous places.

General Happennings.

Paducah, Ky., Special.—George E. Marshall is up after a brief illness. A sacred concert was given at Burk's Chapel Sunday night. Mrs. Laura Carter spent Christmas in Memphis. Mrs. Anna Price entertained the Mite Missionary society on the 26th ult. The Christmas tree at the Freewill Baptist church was a delightful affair. Rev. Matchen is grateful to his many friends. I. H. Halsey will soon be transferred to the Covington district of his insurance company. Frank, a son of Luke Covington, died on the 27th ult. Miss Myrtle Skelton is much better after a serious illness. Ben Parker proved to be the crack marksman of the city during the holidays, having won six turkeys. Frank Logan spent Xmas at Durkedom. Miss Eleanor Hotsfield, of Mayfield, is the guest of Miss Elludie Overs street. Mrs. Julia Jones is on the sick list. Miss Bessie A. Davis was in the city this week. George Drewry, after an absence of two years, is in the city and has accepted a position in J. E. Morton's shop. Prof. and Mrs. F. C. Dillon, of Murray, were guests of C. W. and Mrs. Merriweather Christmas. Thanking our readers for their patronage in the past, we wish one and all a happy New Year.

Pleased with Holiday Number.

EDITOR FREEMAN:—I am more than pleased with the holiday issue of The Freeman. As a journal it is excellent and the peer of all others. JOHN F. MOORE.

778 N. Mercer St., Decatur, Ill.

A PESSIMISTIC VIEW.

Nobody gives for the giving
Without a thought of gain some day;
Nobody loves for the loving
Without thought of return some day.

Nobody does a deed that's good
Without thought of the world's applause
And, in fact, nobody does anything
Without some selfish cause.

So, when a person gives you
A gift, however small,
There's always a selfish motive
Lurking behind it all.

And when a person loves you
With a love they swear is true,
'Tis all from a selfish motive
And they expect some love from you.

The same when a kindness is done you
There the selfish motive is plain,
And unless I be badly mistaken
'Twill be asked of you again.

'Tis a selfish world we live in,
And we must be selfish too
For every one is scheming
What good for himself he can do.

—Ruby J. Thompson.

824 S. 7th street, Paducah, Ky.

HOLIDAYS REVIEWED

A FEW DRUNKS AND PLENTY OF NOISE WERE IN EVIDENCE.

A WOMAN SHOT BY POLICEMAN!

Negroes Emigrating from Texas to a More Congenial Clime—Republican League Organized to Further the Negro's Interest—Club Reception.

Dallas, Tex., Special.—Think with the thinkers of the race as we journey through life. Try to better the conditions and assist those who have embarked in the business world by giving them your patronage. The holidays passed off very mild, with only a few drunks and plenty of noise Miss Jones Morgan was shot by a policeman on Christmas Eve, and her father beat up and is in a serious condition at the hospital. It is much to be regretted that the fair name of our city is tarnished by such occurrences. Misses S. M. and Corinthia Taylor spent Christmas in Ennis with their parents. We are thankful to our friends for the able assistance they have given us in the past, and hope to begin the new year with the same earnestness and business manner, and we ask your support. Good roads and better government in all departments is being discussed by tax payers and law abiding citizens. Many of the colored people of are leaving the low lands of Texas and going into the Territory and buying land and building homes. In the past three weeks over 200 families have passed through this city. The Cup club served its members and friends with a swell luncheon on Wednesday night at their installation of officers. Appropriate speeches were made and The Freeman was endorsed as the club's official organ. The organization of a Republican league in Dallas is looked upon by man of the g. o. p. to bring an end much dissatisfaction. May the Lord crown this movement with success. Miss Henrietta Griffin laid covers for 16 on the 26th ult., from 7:30 to 9:40 p. m., in honor of her sons, William and J. G. Griffin. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Willis entertained several of their friends Christmas day in honor of their daughter, Guannetta Willis. Mr. and Mrs. Ike Star kept open doors on New Year's day. Mrs. A. Stars chaperoned the wedding party of Dallasites to Terrell, on Christmas day, to the marriage of J. M. Caldwell to Miss Pearl Cooper. Wedding bells are ringing and many hearts will be made to rejoice in the near future. Miss Hallie Q. Brown gave several recitals here during the holidays. James' Greater Minstrels will be at Owl Club hall on the 7th inst. New songs and stars, Combs, Rucker, Snell, Jackson and Adams. Special scenery. Dan James, manager.

Society and Personal Notes.

Muncie, Ind., Special.—The Indian Fete, given at the A. M. E. church under the direction of Mrs. Taylor, was quite a success. Christmas was observed at both the Methodist and Baptist churches on the 24th and 25th respectively. Quite an enjoyable time was had at both entertainments, and the children of the Sabbath schools were made happy. Mrs. E. N. Robbins, of Columbus, O., is spending the holidays in this city with her parents. Miss Frances White is home for a visit during her vacation. Mr. and Mrs. White are entertaining friends this week. Mrs. Watkins was buried on the 26th from her home on E. Willow street. John Morin remains seriously ill at his home in E. Jackson street. W. D. Smith, of Springfield, O, is visiting friends and relatives here. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Adams left on Thursday for Pasadena, Cal., their future home. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Riff are spending the holidays in Portsmouth, O., the guests of relatives. John Louis, son of Mr. and Mrs. J A. Morin, died on Tuesday morning, the 30th ult., at the family home, 416 E Jackson street. He leaves a mother, father, two sisters and a brother to mourn his departure.

Tuskegee Institute Notes.

Tuskegee, Ala., Special.—Christmas was very pleasantly spent by all connected with the institution. The school gave each and every student a small gift in remembrance of the day, which was appreciated by all. At night a social was given the students in the new chapel. During the past quarter the students enjoyed some very excellent lectures from different prominent visitors, including Rev. Sam Jones, Gen. J. B. Gordon and Col. H. G. Capers. This year the Tuskegee Institute Sunday school has found it possible to help others as well as itself. At the close of the school term last year there was quite a balance in the treasury and it was decided to distribute it among smaller institutions of efficiency and worthiness. Four donations of $25 each were made, to the Voorhees Industrial Institute, Denmark, S. C.; the Allengrene N. and I. Institute, Ruston, La; the R. C. Hungerford Institute, Eatonville, Fla., and the Tuskegee Institute Hospital Fund.

Eastern Star Exercises.

Terre Haute, Ind., Special.—The two Eastern Star Chapters held their annual Christmas services at the Second A. M. E. church. Olivet Commandry acted as escort for the ladies. Clifford Evans spent the holidays with his parents. Mrs. Katie Clark and daughter were visiting in Paris, Ill., last week. Mrs. Edmonia Hughes, of Chicago, is the guest of her father, Simon Daniels, in this city. Miss Churchill, a teacher in the schools of Mt. Vernon, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Daisy Bishop. Joseph Hays and Junius Moore are spending the holidays with their parents in the city. A grand rally will be held at the Second A. M. E. church January 4th. Mrs. Belle Jackson and daughter are visiting in New Albany. Mrs. M. P. Bragg gave a grand social last Monday night at the Baptist church. The concert given by Miss Elena Cabell at Allen Chapel on Christmas, was a merited success. Mrs. Joyner and daughter are still quite ill.

Terse, Timely Topics.

McKeesport, Pa., Special.—Mrs. Nancy Watson was a guest of Mrs. Harris, of Glassport, Xmas day. Luther Hemmons was in Pittsburg last week on business. Paul Jones, of Jefferson Educational Institute, spent the holidays here with Mr. and Mrs. Leek. Miss Lena Johnson spent Christmas with friends in Duquesne. Miss Jennie Nichol, of Greensburg, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Pryor last week. Rev. G. Sallie, of Duquesne conducted communion services at the Bethlehem Baptist church last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. U. B. Grey spent the holidays in Uniontown with friends. Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Marshall entertained Mr. and Mrs. George Davis, Rev. and Mrs. D. B. Dade and Mrs. John Fields on Christmas day. Douglass Henderson, of Duquesne, was in the city last Sunday. Miss Cora Tucker, of Pittsburg, was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Emmit Watkins during the holidays. Watch meeting was held at both the Methodist and Baptist churches on Wednesday night, and each church had a large crowd. Mrs. Lily B. Gordon, of Pittsburg, was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. Louis, last Monday. Mesdames Mahoney and Mestalentine, of Pittsburg, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCard last week. A call has been extended to Rev. A. J. Tyler, of Washington, D C, by the members of Bethlehem Baptist church, of this city. H. A. Gordon, of this city, and Miss Hergerson, of Braddock, were married last week. They will reside in this city. An excellent program was rendered at Bethlehem Baptist church Christmas night before a large audience. Mrs. Harriet Brown is suffering from a sore eye, and it is feared that she will lose it. Mr. and Mrs. Coleman, of Pittsburg, are guests of Mrs. Katie Kenny. St. Paul A. M. E. church had their Christmas tree and exercises Christmas Eve, and an enjoyable time was had. The Queen City Concert company gave a concert at St. Paul A. M. E. church on the 30th ult, and made a great hit. The ladies of the Sewing Circle gave a concert at Bethlehem Baptist church last Tuesday night, which was attended by a large crowd.

Church Rally a Success.

South Bend, Ind., Special.—The rally at the A. M. E. church on the 7th ult., was a success $126 30 was raised Mrs Emma Mitchell attended the funeral of Frank Mitchell in Kalamazoo, Mich, a few weeks ago. Mrs. Melvina Bennett, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Rachel Haithcox has returned to Chicago A big ball was given on Christmas night The entertainment given by the Baptist Sunday school recently, was a success.

Fibroid Tumors Cured.

A distressing case of Fibroid Tumor, which baffled the skill of Boston doctors. Mrs. Hayes, of Boston, Mass., in the following letter tells how she was cured, after everything else failed, by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Mrs. Hayes' First Letter Appealing to Mrs. Pinkham for Help:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I have been under Boston doctors' treatment for a long time without any relief. They tell me I have a fibroid tumor. I cannot sit down without great pain, and the soreness extends up my spine. I have bearing-down pains both back and front. My abdomen is swollen, and I have had flowing spells for three years. My appetite is not good. I cannot walk or be on my feet for any length of time.

"The symptoms of Fibroid Tumor given in your little book accurately describe my case, so I write to you for advice."—(Signed) MRS. E. F. HAYES, 252 Dudley St., (Roxbury) Boston, Mass.

Note the result of Mrs. Pinkham's advice—although she advised Mrs. Hayes, of Boston, to take her medicine—which she knew would help her—her letter contained a mass of additional instructions as to treatment, all of which helped to bring about the happy result.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Sometime ago I wrote to you describing my symptoms and asked your advice. You replied, and I followed all your directions carefully, and to-day I am a well woman.

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"**Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound** is worth five dollars a drop. I advise all women who are afflicted with tumors or female trouble of any kind to give it a faithful trial."—(Signed) MRS. E. F. HAYES, 252 Dudley St., (Roxbury) Boston, Mass.

Mountains of gold could not purchase such testimony—or take the place of the health and happiness which Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound brought to Mrs. Hayes.

Such testimony should be accepted by all women as convincing evidence that **Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound** stands without a peer as a remedy for all the distressing ills of women; all ovarian troubles; tumors; inflammations; ulceration, falling and displacements of the womb; backache; irregular, suppressed or painful menstruation. Surely the volume and character of the testimonial letters we are daily printing in the newspapers can leave no room for doubt.

Mrs. Hayes at her above address will gladly answer any letters which sick women may write for fuller information about her illness. Her gratitude to Mrs. Pinkham and **Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound** is so genuine and heartfelt that she thinks no trouble is too great for her to take in return for her health and happiness.

Truly is it said that it is **Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound** that is curing so many women, and no other medicine; don't forget this when some druggist wants to sell you something else.

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COLE & JOHNSON, (In Vaudveille) Keith's Providence Dec. 29-Jan. 4.

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WILLIAMS & WALKER'S "IN DAHOMOY" Co.—St. Louis, Dec 28-Jan 3;

Now that the holidays are over remember poor LeRoy Bland.

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J. R. Parker sends regards to Clarence Powell and Marsh Craig wishing them every success.

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Robt. K. Lyons and Edwin F. Downes send regards to McKissick and Jones and would like to hear from them.

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A great many of the traveling companies have not as yet responded to the Bland appeal. The time graws short.

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Lloyd Cooper sends regards to Jerry Rector and wife wishing them success and also wishes to be remembered to all Terre Haute friends.

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M. Witmark and Sons have secured the publishing rights of the new Chicago production, "The Paraders" by Raymond Peck and Jos. Howard.

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A. L. Prince visited the Mahara's Famous Minstrel and was highly pleased. He speaks in the highest terms of Prof. Handy's Concert Band.

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P. G. Lowery has commenced to book talent for his summer's enterprise. The organization will be known as P. G Lowery's Progressive Musical Enterprise. P. G Lowery sends regards to Prof. Handy and his band of earnest workers.

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Wm. S. LeVard, monologist, is with Jacob Litt's Old Kentucky company making good. He contemplates going to Europe at the close of the season Regards to P. G. Lowery, Miss Lee, Clarence Powell and all other members of the profession.

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H. I. Clark is spending his vacation at the home of P. G. Lowery. He is progressing nicely under the private teaching of P. G. Lowery, the cornet teacher. He sends regards to J. W. Moberly and Geo. Hamilton and wants them to write him at Reece Kan., on important business.

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Alex. Rogers of the "In Dahomey" company has written for Bert Williams a song entitled "Im a Jonah Man" which promises to be the biggest success that this favorite comedian has ever had. Since putting on the song in Chicago he has created a small sensation with it at every performance. M. Witmark & Sons are the puqlishers.

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The great Wang Doodle Comedy Four, Julius Glenn, James White, Harvey Goodall and Erb Robinson, were at Hyde & Beeman's Gayety Theatre, Brooklyn, week of the 28. Harvey Goodall sends regards to all B. O. C. P. to Kemp and the Rusco & Holland boys that he knows and his old friend Billy Kersands and wife.

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Mr. Nate Salsbury manager and partner of Buffalo Bill, died recently at Long Branch, N. J. Mr. Salsbury once staged a show called "Black America" which had a very prosperous run in Philadelphia. The troupe which numbered 300 people was the largest colored show ever put on a stage and introduced Miss Bessie Lee to the world as a star soprano singer.

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Notes from the Famous Georgia Minstrels:—We are doing an excellent holiday business, notwithstanding the very hard weather we are meeting with. Sometimes we dread going to the opera house ourselves, the weather being so inclement. All of our company are well and were able to meet Santa Clause with a smile. A considerable amount of presents were received. The prizes for the Casino Club were read at the Ugly Men's Ball. John E. Parker sends regards to John Eason, John Adams and Gus Turner.

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Greater New York Items.—Smart & Williams are at the head of a company of celebrities that left the city last Sunday week for Springfield, Mass., where they appeared last week —Fletcher Cole Sam Gaines and Joe Williams of the "Coon Hollow" company were in the city last week.—Goggin and Davis the clever comedy acrobats were on the bill at the Nickerbocker Sunday night, Dec. 31.—Miss Susanna Belle Anderson, an accomplished soprano was billed to appear at Murray Hill Lyceum on the evening of December 30, under the auspices of the Womens League Union.—The Mitchels made a big hit at Tony Pastor's Theatre, last week.—The Wilson family were a big card at the New Star Theatre, Sunday night week.—The Wang Doodle Comedy Four were at the Third Avenue Theatre Sunday night week.

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Notes from the Domino Theatre: A special program was arranged for Christmas week, stronger than ever. Our business continues very good. Our performances are always full of snap and ginger from beginning to end interspersed with the best music in the South. They render classic and popular overtures, characteristic, descriptive and rag-time selections, therefore being able to please everybody. They seem as much at home with the Wm. Tell overture as with "Sue" Fred Stone's latest rag. The whole is under the personal supervision of Jno. W. Dennis our genial stage manager. We live as one family; pull together and each one does his or her best to please our audiences. Miss Emma L. Johnson the charming little soubrette has recently joined the stock company. She is singing with much success "Down on the Deleware" and "My Little Gypsy Maid."

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The Hottest Coon in Dixie Co., have added a band and orchestra to their show including several members of the illfated Lew Tigner's Minstrel company. We have found business improving since the band joined and judging from the way our genial manager is hustling we will no doubt wind our so far prosperous season on the winning side of the ledger. We also have a new manager with the show, Mr. C. S. Primrose, who seems to have made a hit with the several members of the company. Black Carl is still starring and managing the stage contrary to many expectations. James Gillam is leading the band and H. C. Holland, the orchestra. Bill Cole is with us again in the capacity of carpenter, props and baggage master. Wm. Crawford (Horse) closed and left for Chicago on the 26th. He is the only person to close this season, all the others having been closed

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Chicago notes:—The Christmas number of The Freeman went like hot cakes the dealers not having enough to supply the demand. The general comment is that it is the only Negro Journal in existence that shows the advancement and progress our race is making professionally along all lines. We only regret that it is not always an edition like the Xmas one. It ought to be and should be the colored Clipper in all its details, making it a magazine, nearly, as well as a newspaper.—Tom McIntosh has something up his sleeve that is going to drop out shortly, which will be a corker. Wait, watch and listen.—Prof. Edward F. Morris who as a pianist and vocal instructor is equal to many in the same line, is kept so busy filling engagements that it is almost impossible to give any one special dates ahead.—Williams and Stevens have captivated Chicago in their sketch. As a manager Mr. Williams is O. K.—Bailey and Spiller send Happy New Year greetings to all their friends. We are doing nicely. Prof. Peters, proprietor of Peters vaudeville house, was married Christmas. We wish you success, J. L.

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Notes from the Old Plantation with Southern Carnival Co.:—We are still in California and all are well. Rain caused us to stay two weeks at Oxward as it rained nearly all of the first week. As the Oxford Eagles postponed their carnival until the following week, we had the pleasure of seeing Frank Fields, of Oxward, make Jack Fogerty of Philadelphia (both white) throw up the spongue, also Hank Griffin, champion heavyweight of the Pacific coast, put Calvin Saw of Los Angeles in the second round. Santa Claus was very kind to the members of the Old Plantation as every one was remembered and some valuable presents were received: We also had a banquet served us Xmas night by the proprietor's wife, Mrs. Nat Reese. The Hendersons send regards to Scott Joplin, John Adams and family J. D. West, Kid Alston, Bob Logan and all friends. Chas. Holman, sends regards to Bud Bostwick and J. D. West, the World's Fair Band, of St. Louis and all Cleveland friends. Mr. Tate our business manager is a hard worker and deserves much credit for he leaves no stone unturned to make it as pleasant as possible for every one. The Old Plantation still continues to be the people's favorite and the feature of the entire carnival.

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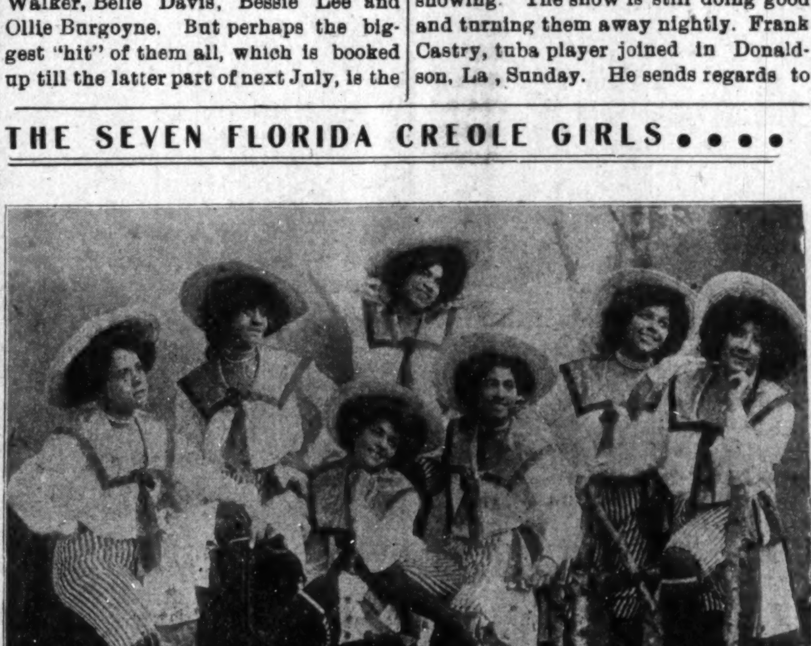
The Seven Florida Creole Girls.

There are now many American colored girls on tour in the several provinces of the Eastern Hemisphere, making a big "hit" and money in their vaudeville stunts in the variety theaters and music halls, among whom are Rachel Walker, Belle Davis, Bessie Lee and Ollie Burgoyne. But perhaps the biggest "hit" of them all, which is booked up till the latter part of next July, is the act of the Seven Florida Creole Girls, recently running at the Rembrandt Theater, Amsterdam, Holland. The girls act is something similar to that of the girls comprising the Pony Ballet who sang and danced themselves into popular favor at the Grand Opera House, Indianapolis, several weeks ago. The features of the Seven Florida Creole Girls should be familiar to the frequenters of the theater, particularly vaudeville, as their beauty of face and figure has been the theme of much adulatory comment among the stage-door Johnnies, and their singing in the choruses of the few standard colored companies of America has been the admiration of all lovers of music who are sticklers for strength, compass and harmony. In ensemble numbers the girls are cleverly fetching and a delight to the man behind the baton under the footlights—in fact, the leader is sure of uninterrupted harmonious orchestration, as the girls do not appear as so many marionettes being catechised by an operator behind folded curtains or as a bunch of automatons being worked by a ventriloquist. The Seven Florida Creole Girls, as singers, are by no means novices, but we know other professional and larger choruses that can't claim so much. The young women also appear in military drills, with Miss Biddie Hall as "commandante," as they say in Holland Others in this small company of astral lights are Jennie, Edith, Pearl, Mamie, Pollie and Mattie. It is only necessary to give their baptismal names as their surnames will be known no sooner than their faces shall have been seen. The girls have successfully played Bremen and Kiel, Germany, also Buda-Pesth, Brussels, were week before last in Amsterdam, last week in Rotterdam, going finally to Paris, France, where they opened Thursday, Jan. 1, for an indefinite run at one of the quite fashionable vaudeville theaters in the French capital. Let us suffer to say that the Seven Florida Creole Girls have attained a success natural to hard and intelligent workers, and we submit that they will not necessarily have to ask or solicit appreciation of their host of friends and admirers on this side of the "pond." I. McCORKER

THE SEVEN FLORIDA CREOLE GIRLS....



WHO ARE NOW TOURING EUROPE.

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Napoleon Johnson writes from the Big Minstrel Festival:—Despite the numerous receptions of the past yet none of them excelled the dinner given in Alexandria La., by Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Hunter assisted by Miss Lee, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Kersands. Not only was it one of the most elaborate of the season but it had several rather unusual features in the form of dishes served which rendered it most attractive. It was one of those old French dinners I have often heard of but had my first time to partake of; especially the Gumbo Felia. Those of the company present were Mr. and Mrs. Kersands, Clarence Powell, James Lightfoot and myself. We voted Mrs. Hunter a charming entertainer. While in Alexandria, Wm Malone closed and Robert Leach who joined in Greenville took charge of the orchestra. R. C. Logan basso, also closed and left for Hot Springs for a few days visit. Our winter uniform in form of Raglans reached us at Houma and they make a pretty showing. The show is still doing good and turning them away nightly. Frank Castry, tuba player joined in Donaldson, La, Sunday. He sends regards to McCamon and Sam Johnson. F. W. Inman, singing and dancing comedian, sends regards to all friends and wish them a Happy New Year. Geo. Israel sends regards to the Hendersons.

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Fernando and Benbow write from Allen's Minstrels:—We are in Mississippi doing our usual amount of business. All are well. Jas. Wise is himself again. Mrs. Wise as "Old Lady" in our last act is a great credit to the show and Mrs. Hunt is just as fascinating in her carriage on parade as she is on the stage in song and dance. Miss Hattie Beecham mahes a charming soubrette and one not easily forgotten, judging from the number of boquets she receives daily and that isn't "idle gossip" either Mr. F. F. Viccas, cornettist is rapidly recovering from his recent illness and is expected to join the company soon. James Fernando says, "Gus, I was in Vicksburg but couldn't find Cal. Fred Garland says, "Cook" can't play "push pins." Sam Johnson says, "Hello, Arthur Prince. Has writing material gone up?" Pattie Robinson is still a laughing stock for our large audiences. The Acme Quartette put on a knock-about act and scored a big hit in the car where it took place. Beautiful black eyes were in evidence next morning but they are still on speaking terms. John Williams, monologist and comedian joined us at Vicksburg. James Fernando says: "Hello, 'Swan.' Inman, I heard of your conduct in Dallas. H. S. Smith sends regards to Wm. Langford. Wm Benbow sends regards to Lawrence Benbow, Wm. Thomas, James Turner and Walter Heard. Wm Murman has a hard time trying to convince the people of Arkansas that he is not white. Prof. McCamon's big concert band is a sure winner. It's the talk of every town.

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COLE AND JOHNSON

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columns to the praise of their work, and managers are contracting years ahead for their appearance in their theaters, they seem to be working just as hard to-day as they did the day they began, and neither seems to be affected with that malady that follows so closely in the wake of success, commonly called "the big head." They have written songs for more notable people and contributed songs to the productions of more reputable theatrical managers and stars than any other song writers in the history of song writing, and in collaboration with James W. Johnson they have covered a broader field of song-making than scores of writers bunched together.

Pages could be written concerning these young men that would prove doubly interesting, but if you study the likeness of them in this issue you can see that they are made of the "proper stuff," and that to "succeed" is stamped in their every feature.

I, as a member of the race, wish Cole and Johnson a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year, and may the race produce many more such young men as they, who are really doing something that shows for itself, and wherever Cole and Johnson are they are with the best, you can rest assured. We wish them God speed and heartily approve that they justly deserve their name and the honor of being "America's greatest entertainers."

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SONGS AND SINGERS.

John A. West, is featuring with success, "When You were Sweet Sixteen," "Absence Makes the Heart Grow Fonder," and "Good Night Beloved, Good Night."

Norris Smith has made a hit singing, "Goodnight Beloved, Goodnight."

Miss Cressie Canada is featuring with success, "Dat's De Way to Spell Chicken" in the Glasgow stock company.

Miss Evelyn Ormsby is featuring, The Girl that Waits for the Soldier in Blue.' and '-All is Fair in Love or War" on the Orpheum circuit.

Andy Leonard is enthusiastic over his success with, "Dat's de Way to Spell Chicken" which he is featuring during his New England engagements.

Frank Smith, the popular baritone is singing, "Something Tells me So," and "Just a Line From Jennie."

James Doyle is featuring, "Because You were an old Sweetheart of Mine," and 'Just a Line from Jennie."

Eddie Mack is singing "Is That all You've Got to Say" and "Dats de Way to Spell Chicken.

Church and Social News.

Columbus, Ga, Special—Mrs. Edw. Anderson, of Louisville, Ky., who has been visiting her mother in Talbottom, Ga, for several weeks, passed through the city recently enroute home. Mr. and Mrs. J. L Jones had their infair on the 11th ult., and a very pleasant time was had Miss T. M Jones is the happy racipient of a beautiful alligator skin, sent to her by Zemria Andrews, of Florida. Wedding bells will soon ring out on Second and Fourth avenues. Dr. R H. Cobb has purchased a half interest in the Peoples' drug store. Edgar Vogel, of Chicago, passed through the city recently. Each member of the Roosevelt club entertained during the holidays. Miss Mahala Brewer and James A. Sears, of Tuskegee, Ala, were married on the 24th ult. Mrs. C. C. Alexander and son have returned home, after a visit of several weeks in Americus with relatives.

Troy News Items.

Troy, O., Special.—The Christmas exercises of the M. E. Sunday-school was held on Wednesday evening. The Baptist Sunday-school held their Christmas program on Friday. The A. M. E. Sunday-school held their Christmas exercises Wednesday evening. A nice program was rendered. Mr. Heinz of Springfield, O., was the guest of Mrs. D. Jones Christmas day. Master Sam Jones of Fort Wayne, Ind, is spending Christmas with his grandma, Mrs. D. Jones. There was an entertainment at I. O. O. F. hall New Year's eve. A reception was given in honor of Presiding Elder T. L. Ferguson at Richard's M. E. church as it is his last term on this district.

To The Profession.

The Freeman desires to say that the cause which Mr. Russell so earnestly advocates and in which he has taken the initiative, is a just one and should appeal to the hearts of every brother actor without hesitation. We cheerfully accept the responsibility of stakeholder and will weekly report our progress. Friends, help swell the total which is as follows:

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Getting Out of Debt.

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This is the one pitfall the farmer should by all means avoid, Mortgages and debts have hung over hundreds and thousands of fair farms for years, checking improvent, preventing accident in knowledge and culture, holding the owners in an iron grip, creating dissatisfaction among the children and a desire to get away from the farm and the slavery of debt and what seemed like unending drudgery and toil. This cloud has fled before the bright sunlight of prosperity, and thousands of farms are free from debt and thousands of farmers feel the independence and spirit of the man who owns his home and owes no man a penny.

"I'm out," exclaimed a man somewhat past middle age, slapping me on the shoulder, and looking like he'd just got out of a cage "I'm out of debt, thank heaven! And from this time on I'll stay out. I've lived under a mortgage fifteen years, and have been a slave all that time. The man who is in debt seems constantly to be in bad luck. That was the way with me. A horse dies, a cow dies, cholera gets his hogs, sickness puts him or his wife out of business at a critical time, and a big doctor's bill comes in, and trouble seems to loom up before him whichever way he turns. He is handicapped with a shortage of machinery, lack of building and fences, and he worries, and his wife worries, and there seems to be no pleasure in life for the children, and the road is all uphill. I've traveled it and know every turn. From now on I'll take the level road and rest in the shade occasionally, and take a little time to court my wife and thank her for the help she has given me; and I'll get the boys a nice buggy, and help the girls fix up their little parlor and make it a pretty place in which to have company. I've known all the time what the family wanted, but I had to frown and growl because I couldn't help myself. Fow I can, and I'll show my family that I have a heart in me!".

Let us hope that the great corn crop with which the country is blessed will help thousands of others to rejoice as this man is rejoicing; that it will remove the shackles of debt from thousands of farm families, and check the exodus from fair fields to the smoky and crowded cities. No man has better opportunities for a broad self culture than the farmer who is out of debt He is close to nature ane his surroundings are quiet and peaceful. He is entirely free from the hustle and bustle and noise of the city, and he can read and study at his leisure. To be sure, he has work to do, but he can manage so as to keep that well in hand. If it rains to morrow he can enjoy the companionship of his books and papers by his own quiet fireside If it is fair he can find plenty of profitable work to keep him busy. I have seen clodhoppers in town who said they had come there because they had nothing to do at home, but I never saw a thorough farmer in that fix When he is not actively at work he is reading and studying; and the more a man reads and studies and advances, the broader is the field that opens before him and the greater is his enjoyment in its exploration.—Farm and Fireside.

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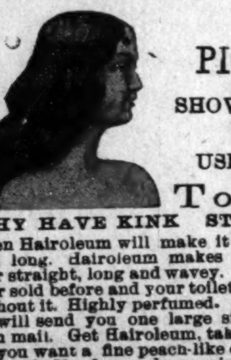
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Value of Waste Material.

If farmers would take the trouble to ascertain the value of that which is more or less thrown away at this season they would perhaps make better use of much that is considered worthless. Vegetable tops make excellent additions to the compost heap from time to time, and such material is really valuable. Beet tops are very rich in nitrogen and those from carrots parsnips and turnips are well supplied with potash and also a fair quantity of the phosphates. Potato vines contain a large quantity of potash and there is nothing more valuable for composting than the refuse from the potato crop. The vines from sweet potatoes afford the best mulching material for covering strawberries that can be used and when out of use can then be composted. The fact is, all the tops of vegetables should do service as mulch before being carried to the compost heap and it is in such capacity that they render corn stalks valuable. The best method for mulching with the wastage from vegetables, is to cover the vines intended to be mulched and lay rows of cornstalks on the top of it in order to prevent disturbance from winds. One of the most serious losses is corncobs which contain, in the ash, nearly one fourth potash. When we consider that the potash in the cobs is derived from the soil on which the corn is grown it becomes a duty to restore it, Cobs can be used as fuel without loss but the ashes should be carefully saved. A large amount of waste is often permitted, such as allowing the corncobs to be scattered here and there over the fields wherever the hogs are fed when running at large. It is true the cobs rot and do service in the course of time, but careful farmers should gather them at their disposal. It does not pay to let straw be trampled and wasted by cattle, nor is it good policy to leave corn stalks standing in the fields. There are other duties to which such material may be applied previous to commencing decay and even the rank weeds can be made serviceable if mowed and turned to ashes. Every weed that grows robs the soil and it will not do to plow them under after they are matured as they will surely reseed the land, but they should be gathered and burned. At this late period in the season the seeds of weeds have been before now well distributed and their riddance dedends upon future cultivation but that is no reason for leaving them in the field. There is really nothing on the farm to waste, if in good hands, but there is howeve. on many farms that can be avoided.

Hints to Poultry Raisers.

We trust that your fowls are all housed for the winter work and doing well at egg producing. If not, do not delay looking after their comfort and and care and have them where they are most likely to do their best and pay for their keeping in fresh-laid eggs

Guard against the egg eating habit by placing the nest up out of sight of the hens, so they will not be tempted to eat the eggs. "Out of sight, out of mind.' Gather the eggs often—leave only the china eggs in the nest.

Fill the boxes with shell, grit and broken charcoal. Paint the roosts with lice killer or use kerosene oil. Clean up thoroughly if not already done. See that you have proper ventilation; and put glass in the sash where it is missing, and begin to feed for winter eggs; make the hens dig in the straw for their grain food Don't forget to cut a lot of clover hay. Cut it short and small, and put plenty of it down for them to scratch among for the clover tops and leaves to eat This is splendid for egg production and is the very best of green food for winter after the grass is gone. This with a limited quantity of cabbage will make a good winter's supply of green food.

Dressed poultry of all kinds and fresh laid eggs are in good demand at high prices. Thus far the turkeys that have come to market this year are not the best, The greater part of those sent are neither large nor well conditioned. If those yet to come are fed to prime condition they will command high prices

At no time in years has the supply of fresh-laid eggs been more limited than now, nor has the demand been so good. And, with all the opportunities to do well at egg farming and the extended teaching along these lines, the increase of fresh-laid eggs in winter has not kept pace with the demand. Unfortunately the supply of early pullets is below the average and the price of grain caused many to sell more both old and young stock to market than would otherwise have been sold

It is quite as possible for you to have plenty of eggs in winter as it is for your neighbor or any one else to have them. We visited a friend a few days ago who has kept 182 hens. For ten months of the past year his egg record—for Rose comb Brown Leghorns, a few over a hundred—was 160 eggs per hen. If they do as well for November and December, it will make an average of 192 eggs for each hen. The other seventy odd of a larger breed, Orpingtons, have not done so well as the Brown Leghorns. The quarters where his fowls were kept are limited but with care and cleanliness he will make over $300 this year with less than 200 hens. There is no secret in the process. All that is required is the proper care of the stock, and whenever the hens do not lay reasonably well it is generally the fault of the management. Some hens, but only a few of them, are naturally poor layers (we refer to the well-bred, properly selected hens) and there is no need of any one's having the poorer kinds when there are so many good ones to select from. The fresh-laid eggs in winter represent the bulk of the profit in the keeping of fowls on the farm and those who do not get a reasonably good egg yield in winter fall behind the average of best results in keeping hens.

CITY AND SOCIETY BRIEFS.

J. W. Napier is in Nashville, Tenn, visiting his mother.

Wm Pollard is ill at his home, 507 N. West street.

Penny Baker is in the city for an indefinite stay.

Al. Henderson was in St. Louis Monday among his friends.

Mrs. Effie Wilson is ill at her home in W Eleventh street.

Miss Belle Morgan is spending the holidays in South Bend.

Mrs. Al. Henderson will visit Louisville during the holidays.

Mrs. Thomas Dudley is seriously ill at her home in North street.

Charles Allen spent Christmas with relatives in Lexington, Ky.

Rev. J M Townsend visited his family in Richmond, last week.

Mrs. May Jackson entertained the Woman's Club Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Fred. Dennis, of Detroit, Mich. s visiting Mrs. Maurice White.

Mrs. Maggie Blaylock continues ill at her home in Missouri street

F. Fowler Brown will sing a solo at St. Phillips Mission to-morrow.

Fred. Hillman, of Covington, was in the city Sunday, visiting his wife.

Prof. W. H. Hoffman, of St. Louis, is spending the holidays in the city.

Dr. J. H. Ward addressed the Y. M. C. A., in their rooms last Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Ellison, of Chicago, is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Puryear, in Camp street.

Emory Ball, of Columbus, O, will be the guest of W. H. Fielding during the holidays.

Henry Sharpe was called to Springfield last week on account of the death of his mother.

Charles Byrd and brother Edward are spending Christmas with their mother in Kokomo, Ind.

Ezra Roberts and sister, Miss Nora, are spending the holidays with their parents at Kokomo.

Mesdames Mattie Williams and D. D Hunter are spending the holidays in Edinburg Ind.

Miss Mayme Clark, of Wilberforce University, is in the city visiting her parents, at 627 W. St Clair street

Misses Magnolia Brown and Lottie Higgs of Benton Harbor, Mich., are spending the holidays in the city.

Mrs Elizabeth Gee entertained the Topaz Cluster club at her home in N. Senate avenue yesterday afternoon.

J. B. Hodges left Wednesday for Jeffersontown, Ky., to be present at the marriage of his nephew, Wm. Woods, to Miss Lilla Davenport.

Dr. Stephen Alexander will visit his parents in New Albany, Ind, during the holidays. Prof. W. A. Thomas will accompany him.

Miss Frances Smith, of Ft. Wayne, Ind., is in the city, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edward McClellan, 363 W. Fourteenth street.

Mr. and Mrs F. A. Hickerson entertained a number of their intimate friends at dinner at their home, 2112 Parker street, on Christmas day

Persons who saw the street car accident to the colored boy Nov. 19th, will please leave name and address at this office. Mrs. Sarah Grant, 524 Superior street

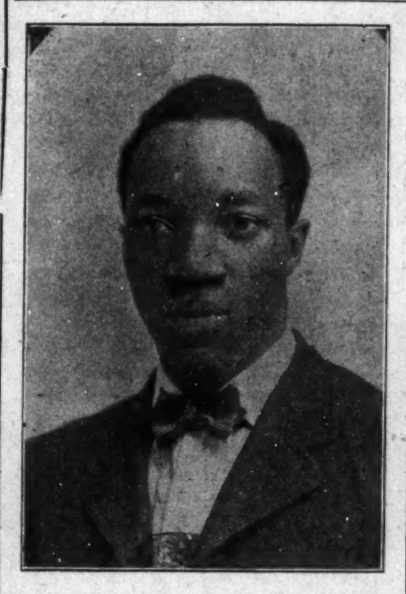
William Miller, foreman of the Denison tonsorial parlors, submitted to an operation last Sunday, for a tumor on his forehead. It was removed by Dr. Manker.

Dr. B. F. Watson, of the A. M. E Church Extension Board, is at home to spend the holidays after an extended visit through the Southwest. He expresses himself as favorably impressed with the section, and especially Indian Territory, where, he says, the colored people are doing well.

Mrs. J. H. Morton of 1538 Blaine avenue, after fifteen years, will visit relatives and friends in Tennessee and Arkansas. She will visit relatives in Memphis and other points J. Boyd Morton and Ella Christal Morton her two children, will accompany her. They left Monday, the 22d.

Garfield A. Haywood.

Young Haywood, the artist, was "discovered" and his talents brought prominently before the people about a year ago by Geo. P. Steward, editor of the Indianapolis Recorder. He is a moulder for the Malleable Iron Works company, and it is only at odd moments that he is prepared to make his drawings, which have attracted so much attention and favorable comment lately. Not since the palmy days of Moses L. Tucker have we had so excellent an artist of color among us as Mr. Haywood. The frontispiece of the holiday number of The Freeman is a drawing from his pen, and is an illustration of what a young man may do when he centers his mind and his efforts on some object catering to his fancy.



Interesting Points.

Lebanon, Ky, Special.—The Christmas tree was an enjoyable affair at the Zion church Prof. R. Smith with two of his children, left the 23rd for points in Virginia visiting his parents through out the holidays. Mr T B Redick and wife, left the 24th for Murfreesboro and Franklin, Tenn., to be with their people throughout the holidays.

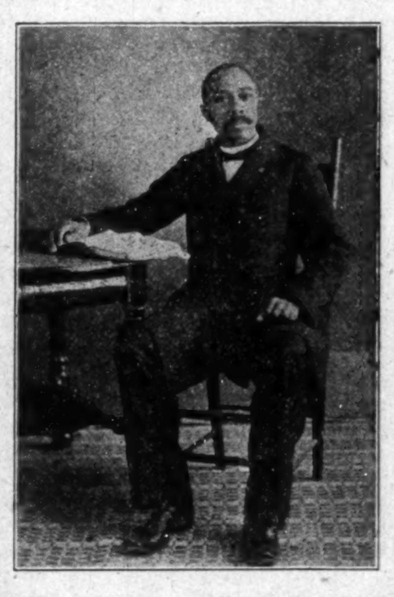
Pertinent Pick-ups.

Jacksonville, Ill., Special.—Company L have received their equipment and are now ready for duty. The Mt. Emory Baptist church had a Christmas tree and was largely attended. Williams & Walker showed here Christmas Eve.

REV. D. S. MOTEN, B. D.

Fort Worth, Texas.

The subject of this sketch was born November 5, 1865, to Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Moten. His early life was spent in the public schools later attending Howard Institute, Paul Quinn College, Wilberforce University and Payne Theological Seminary. The reward of the degree of B. D. was conferred on him by the last institution. He has always been regarded as a leader, and today he enjoys the same distinction. He is well versed in languages, and taught Hebrew at Payne Theological Seminary. Dr. Moten always stood at the head of his classes, and many honors have been declined by him. He successfully pastored Shorter and Lee Chapels, college churches, during his last three years in school, and the church reports, spiritually and financially, were par excellent. Dr. Moten was ordained deacon by the late Bishop Payne, and was ordained elder by Bishop Arnett, and was transferred from the Ohio to the Texas conference, his first charge being at San Antonio, where he spent two successful years. He then pastored charges at Terrell and Fort Worth, his present station. He holds many offices of importance in his church, and some day he aspires to fill the bishopric chair. He is a general organizer for the Y. P. S. C. E., and has done valiant service in Christian Endeavor work, and the great A. M. E. Church would do itself honor and credit in placing Dr. Moten at the head of Endeavor work. Dr. Moten has been chaplain for six years of the T. V. G. He is the tenth Episcopal district member of the General Church Board of the Southern Christian Recorder, Conference Trustee of Wilberforce University, and secretary of the Northeast Texas Conference of the A. M. E. Church, and pastor of Allen Chapel at Fort Worth, Texas.



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A LADY of New Iberia, La.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 17, 1902.

Madame McNairdee, Indianapolis, Ind.:

Dear Madame.—Your letter like a ray of sunshine, came duly to hand and I am very pleased with it, for every word of it were true; I am sorry that I did not write to you months ago. I enclose $6 00 for your service, hoping that you may be successful in bringing about desired results. I feel quite sure that you can. I am very sorry to hear of your being ill, and sincerely hope your speedy recovery.

Molino, Fla., Nov. 14, 1902.

Madame:—You are the proper person in the proper place. All that you say is true and all you do is good. May God bless you.

F J.

Guntersville, Ala., Oct. 26, 1902.

I tried Mme. McNardee and find that she is well up to her profession. She will tell things to come, and they will come as predicted. It will pay people to try her who want to know many things in the future.

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THE GRAND FOUNTAIN OF THE UNITED ORDER OF TRUE REFORMERS

Is the leading colored Fraternal Society of the United States. It was organized January 1881 by William H. Browne and chartered in April 1883 under the laws of the State of Virginia with headquarters at Richmond, Va. Its membership is both male and female and consists of all persons of good health from fourteen to sixty years of age. Its membership of 60,000 is divided into Fountains and Circles. It pays sick benefits from $1.50 to $2.50 per week and pays death benefits from $21.50 to $1,000.00.

BENEFITS PAID.

Total benefits paid to date: Sick Dues, $1,500,000.00; Death Benefits, $714,378.75.

SENIOR FOUNTAINS.

A Fountain may be organized consisting of twenty or more persons not over fifty years of age paying a joining fee of from $4.60 to $5.10 each. The monthly dues are not less than thirty-five cents in rural districts and not less than fifty cents per month in towns and cities and a semi annual tax of forty cents paid in January and July of each year. Sick benefits paid are from $1.50 to $2.50 per week, while death benefits range from $75.00 to $125.00. A Fountain may be organized in any locality on application to Rev. W. L. Taylor, G. W. Master, or to any of his authorized deputies.

ROSEBUDS.

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AGES.	Joining Fee.	Value of Certificate after 1 yr	Value of Certificate after 1 yr	Annual Dues	Q'rterly Dues
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25 to 30	2 75	200 00	100 00	4 75	1 20
30 to 35	3 00	200 00	100 00	4 75	1 20
35 to 40	3 25	200 00	100 00	5 70	1 43
40 to 45	3 50	140 00	70 00	5 79	1 43
45 to 50	3 75	115 00	58 00	6 65	1 68
50 to 55	4 00	90 00	45 00	6 65	1 66
55 to 60	4 25	65 00	33 00	7 60	1 90

CLASS "E" TABLE.

AGES.	Joining Fee	Value of Certificate after 1 yr	Value of Certificate before 1 yr	Annual Dues	Q'rterly Dues
14 to 25	$ 5 00	$ 500 00	$ 250 00	$ 9 50	$ 2 50
25 to 30	5 25	500 00	250 00	9 50	2 40
30 to 35	5 50	500 00	250 00	9 50	2 40
35 to 40	5 75	500 00	250 00	10 40	2 60
40 to 45	6 00	450 00	225 00	10 40	2 60
45 to 50	6 25	400 00	200 00	11 40	2 85
50 to 60	6 50	350 00	175 00	11 40	2 85

CLASS "M" TABLE.

AGES.	Joining Fee	Value of Certificate	Annual Dues	Quarterly Dues
14 to 30	$ 11 00	$ 1000 00	$ 21 00	$ 5 25
30 to 35	12 00	1000 00	22 00	5 50
35 to 40	12 00	900 00	23 00	5 75
40 to 45	13 00	800 00	24 00	6 00
45 to 50	13 00	700 00	25 00	6 25

REGALIA.

The members of the Fountains and Rosebuds of the organization wear no expensive regalia. The regalia of the organization is simple and its cost within the reach of all, costing from 10 cents to $350 the same is made by the organization in what is known as the Regalia Department.

THE SAVINGS BANK.

In March 1888, there was granted by the Legislature of Virginia, a charter to the Savings Bank of the Grand Fountian United Order of True Reformers, capital stock $100,000 00. The bank commenced bussiness April 3rd, 1889, and from that time down to the present has steadily increased in volume of business. It now has a paid-up capital stock of $100,000.00. From the humble sum of $1.268.69 deposited the first day the bank opened for business in 1889, the deposits have grown to $350,858.00, and the volume of business transacted amounts to $6,190,141.47. During the financial panic of 1893, the Savings Bank of the Grand Fountain was the only bank in the city of Richmond that did not cease to pay cash on all checks presented while the majority of other banks were using script and clearing-house checks. This bank had its origin in the brain of William W. Browne an ex slave of Habersham county, Ga. The banking house is located at 604 N. Second Street, Richmond, Va., Rev. W. L. Taylor, President; R. T. Hill, Cashier.

REAL ESTATE DEPARTMENT

The Real Estate Department has charge of all the real property to the amount of $225,221 65, situated in various States, consisting of 18 magnificent buildings used as halls 8 dwellings, 1 hotel, 5 stores and 3 farms. It also has under its control 16 large buildings leased by it.

This department is under the management of Lawyer J. C. Robertson, Chief of Real Estate and Attorney for the organization, with offices at 604 N. Second street, Richmond, Va.

REFORMER'S MECANTILE AND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION

Was chartered under the laws of the State of Virginia on the 14th day of December 1899 with principal office in the city of Richmond, Va. The purpose of this Association is to conduct stores (wholesale and retail) buy and sell real property, manage and control hotels, manufacturing establishments, and general business. The Association has in operation Hotel Reformer, 900 N. Sixth street, Richmond, Va. It is a modern up-to-date structure, heated by steam, cold and hot water baths, also electric cars passing the door. This hotel has accommodation for 150 guests. Mr. A. W. Holmes is manager and Mr. T. W. Taylor is clerk. It has in operation a system of five stores, located as follows: Richmond, Va.; Washington, D. C.; Manchester, Va.; Portsmouth, Va.; and Roanoke, Va. The first of these stores, at Richmond, Va., was opened April 3rd, 1900. It emyloys a force of eighteen men, runs three delivery wagons, and during the first year did $50,000 worth of business. The other stores have been established since and have been equally as prosperous. The General Manager of the system of stores is Mr. B. L. Jordan, headquarters at 608 N. Second street, Richmond, Va. This Association was formed on the plans and recommendations made by Rev. W. L. Taylor, its President.

THE REFORMER PRINTING DEPARTMENT

Issues a weekly journal, THE REFORMER, which has a circulation of 12,000. This paper is published in the interest of the race, and discusses the leading questions of the day. The subscription price is $1 per year, or 5c per single copy. The office is equipped with modern up-to-date machinery, run by electricity. It can print anything from a visiting card to a poster 12 by 62 inches. Fine job-work of every class and description is made a specialty at lowest prices. Mr. E. W. Brown is Editor and Business Manager, office 608 N. Second street, Richmond, Va. Correspondence solicited and agents wanted.

OLD FOLKS' HOME

In September 1893, Rev. William W. Brown recommended the formation and establishment of Old Folks' Homes for the benefit of the old and decrepid members of the race. Since that time the valuable farm known as Westham, consisting of 634¼ acres, located six miles from Richmond, Va., on the historic "James" has been purchased at a cost of $14,400. The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad runs through the farm and Westham Station is located on it. Adjoining this farm is Westhampton Park, one of the most pleasant resorts in the South in summer. It is reached in a few minutes from Richmond by the Westhampton Electric Railway and the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway.

As this home is for the benefit of the whole race, the co-operation of all charitable friends is prayfully solicited. All contributions, donations and bequeaths of every character will be very thankfully received. Mr. T. W. Taylor is chief in charge of the Old Folks' Homes, offices at 608 N. Second street, Richmond, Va.

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RACE GLEANINGS

According to the last census 150,000 Negroes in the South now own farms and 28.000 more are part owners. Of all farms deriving their principal income from cotton 49.1 per cent are cultivated by Negroes, of rice farms 37.3 per cent, of sugar farms 14.8 per cent. In addition to growing cotton, rice and sugar, the Negroes of the South are extensively engaged in growing vegetables, fruits and tobacco and in conducting small farms classed as miscellaneous.

Three colored men, Ralph W. Taylor, Wilbur Jones and George A. Weaver, have acquired a tract of land in Chio, embracing seventy-five acres, pronounced by experts to be the finest oil-producing territory in the state. The deal promises to be the most gigantic ever swung by a set of colored men in this country and while the purchase price was quite a handsome sum the investors are sure to realize thousands of dollars when the tract is capitalized and developed.

Dr. J. D. Davis is working hard to establish hospital a in Houston for the colored people of Texas. Some of his professional brothers are laughing at his scheme, but that is Negro life.

A. W. Hamilton, a rising young colored artist of New York has won the first prize from a Correspondence School situated at Scranton, Pa. His sketch study was "For Want of Work." The faculty in awarding the prize offered him a full scholarship, the tuition being a reward for his repeated successes and perseverance despite many obstacles In making the offer the faculty said in their endorsement: "We have made a special study of your work and do not hesitate in recommending you for the opportunity because of your great natural ability and painstaking habits in drawing and predict that as a cartoonist, commercial designer, newspaper or magazine artist you will win fame for yourself and honor the race with which you are identified."

Dr. Algernon Jackson, formerly of Princeton, Ind., but now of Philadelphia, Pa., is practicing medicine in said city. Dr. Jackson graduated from the Princeton (Ind.) High-school, Indiana University with degree of B. S., and Jefferson Medical College, this city as M. D. He is having an increasing and successful practice in his profession.

Nashville, Tenn., has a colored military company which is said to be excellently drilled and admirably officered.

Mr. John M. Langston, grandson of the late Hon. John M. Langston of Washington, is one of the instructors at the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama.

A large number of cotton growers of the Southern states have signified to the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce, the willingness to go to West Africa to engage in agricultural work. Members of the chamber are are interested in cotton growing in that region and may offer free transportation.

It is believed that President Roosevelt has decided to appoint Dr. W. D. Crum of Charleston, S. C., Collector of the Port of that city.

The many friends of Mr. S. C. Peters, formerly headwaiter at the Denison House, Indianapolis, Ind., will be pleased to learn that Mr. Peters is now Rev. S. C. Peters.

SPORT

Edited By BREAKAWAY.

Terre McGovern and John L. Sullivan formed the double attraction at a Detroit theatre recently.

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Governor Bliss of Michigan states that he does not propose to have a prize fight pulled off in his State. The management claims that the fight will be a boxing contest of ten rounds. It seems that the prize fighting laws are destined to reform the game.

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If "Crockey" Boyle, the much-touted Philadelphia featherweight, ever possessed any championship aspirations they were snuffed out by Benny Yanger before the Lyceum athletic club of Chicago recently. Boyle is the man who stayed six rounds with young Corbett.

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John L. Sullivan endorses the boxing school of Parson Scudder of New York, who has 100 boys in his gymnasium teaching them how to box. Sullivan thinks if there were more preachers like this one there would be more real men in the world.

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Mrs. James J. Corbett is taking her meals in her room these days. As a result of an attack of typhoid fever all her hair came out, and her pride keeps her from going into the public dining room of the hotel.

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Harry Forbes and Abe Attel recently fought six fast rounds to a draw in Chicago. The crowd seemed to think that Attel had a trifle the best of the argument all the way through. In the final round, however, Forbes went straight at his opponent's face and landed frequently while Attel failed to come back.

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Will Fight in Detroit.

It has finally been definitely settled that the fight between Young Corbett and Terry McGovern will be pulled off in Detroit. The lads will fight for 62½ per cent of the gross receipts; 75 per cent of which will go to the winner and 25 to the looser. Under the laws of Michigan, the contest can be but ten rounds. Each of the contestants has posted $5,000 with C. E. Lamberson the sporting editor of the Cincinnati Enquirer, that the men will appear while the club has posted a like amount that the fight can be pulled off. The date has not been definitely fixed but will probably be Jan. 25.

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Young Corbett Found.

That it is impossible to lose Young Corbett, the champion featherweight, was again demonstrated. For two days the newspapers of Indianapolis lost track of the little demon. The fact was heralded all over the country. The pugilist had wired the proprietor of his Price hill training quarters, at Cincinnati, that he would arrive there, but the pugilist failed to appear. No trace of him could be found. Without a bit of ostentation the plucky champion eventually came to town with his trainers, Willie Fitzgerald and Harry Tuthill, and at once began work in the gymnasium. Corbett expressed himself as being confident that the bout will occur in Detroit as scheduled. He said he saw McGovern before leaving New York and that the latter is looking well and will begin training soon.

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A Kid McCoy Story.

Here is another story of Kid McCoy. He has furnished gossip for the sports for years, but this is a new one told by Billy Stift: "When I fought McCoy in St. Louis," said Stift to a reporter, "he was at his very best. He handed me about the hottest shot I ever got before I went into the ring. Tom Hanton took me down there for the battle. In the dressing room, McCoy stepped over to me and said: 'Billy, as Hanton is a friend of yours and I like both of you, I will just knock you out in the second round.' That was about as bad as a blow on the jaw. He meant every word of it and it took me a half minute to catch my breath. I finally managed to stutter that he had better do it or I would knock his head off. The fight went 14 rounds and I knocked him down four times, but he finally got me on the point of the jaw."

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Kid Blackburn Won.

Indianapolis brawn and skill again triumphed at Terre Haute, Monday night two weeks ago. "Kid" Blackburn, the colored pugilist, who proved his worth in some of the Indiana Ave. bouts last winter, gave Eddie Gardner of Minneapolis, all that he cared for in 11 rounds of what was scheduled for a 15-round bout. Gardner was badly punished. The men fought at 136 pounds.

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Jeffries and Fitzsimmons have gone on a theatrical tour. Another case of the lion and the lamb. They will meet all comers and conclude the show with a three-round bout.

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Mike Schreck made a monkey of Jim Driscoll in Chicago recently. During the first three rounds the victor landed on his opponent's body, but later reached the chin.

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Joe Humphreys is anxious for a match for his protege, Johnny Reagan. Sam Harris thinks well of Reagan's chances and has posted $1,000 to match him with Harry Forbes, the bantam weight champion.

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Sammy Smith took a fall out of Austin Rice before the Washington sporting club of Philadelphia a few days ago. In the final round Smith handed Rice a left swing and then a right on the other side which all but put the plucky fighter in the clear.

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Jack Root won over Marvin Hart, not long since, after six rounds of the fastest fighting ever seen in Chicago. Root resorted to straight blows while Hart used the swings. Hart was by no means out when the decision was given and expressed the hope that he be given another chance.

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CITY AND SOCIETY BRIEFS.

Willis Bryant is convalescing.

Dr. J. H. Ward was in Chicago last week.

Miss Ida Mae Miller entertained Tuesday night.

John Lewis has returned to the city from Chicago.

Mr. W. H. Fielding was in Muncie, Ind , this week.

Mrs. Joseph Patterson entertained Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Lucy Gibbs of Chicago is in the city visiting relatives.

Prof. W. H. Huffman was in Louisville during the holidays.

G. W. Hines of Bloomington, Ind., was in the city Wednesday.

Miss Mayme Brown and Mrs. Ella Clay were in Louisville this week.

Mrs Eliza Scott is very ill at her home in N. Senate avenue.

Miss Lottie Higgs spent the holidays. in the city the guest of relatives.

Little Mary Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Cox. is ill with the mumps.

Mrs. Mayme Adams-Paul of Detroit, Mich., is in the city visiting relatives.

The Choral Club gave an entertainment at Simpson Chapel last Monday evening.

Mrs. Charles Bass spent the holidays with relatives in Richmond and Connersville.

Mr. and Mrs. George Waters of Detroit, Mich , have come to this city to reside permanently.

The pulpit at Simpson Chapel will be filled by Rev. Thomas Prentice Sunday morning and evening.

Mr. Jordan Montgomery died very suddenly on Christmas day at his home in North Missouri street,

Mrs E. W. Smith of Chicago spent the holidays here the guest of her mother, Mrs Waters 307 Toledo street.

Messrs. William Corbin, Harry Ratcliffe and Mr. Titus have accepted positions at the Denison barbershop.

Miss Zenobia Fisher and Owen Stoner spent Christmas in Louisville, Ky., guest of their aunt Miss Lydia Johnson.

Everett Porter, the son of William H. Porter, is ill with smallpox at the home of his parents in Bright street.

Mrs. Sallie Robinson, after a three-weeks' visit with her parents in Versailles, Ky., has returned to the city.

Miss Mary E. Lincum of Owensboro, Ky., is in the city visiting Mr. and Mrs. Horace Helem in N. Missouria street.

Little Miss Ruth Pettiford spent the holidays with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Pettiford, in Franklin, Ind.

Mrs Lucretia Knox entertained a few friends at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Cox Wednesday evening.

Mrs Sadie McClelland entertained Tuesday night in honor of her guest, Miss Frances Smith of Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Mesdames Mattie Williams and Nellie J. Hunter returned this week after a pleasant Christmas visit in Edinburg, Indiana.

John J. Thomas of Kansas City, Kans, was in the city last week, returning from Lexington, Ky., where he went to bury his wife.

Mr. James Clark, in Bright street, is spending the Christmas at his former home in Jackson, Miss. His sister Carrie accompanied him.

Mrs. Fanny Cole, after a three-weeks' stay with her sister, Mrs. L. W. Allen, returned to her home in Cleveland, O., this week. She came to attend the funeral of her father.

Mesdames M. E Sawyer, Nancy Patterson, Misses May Lowry and Magnolia Brown of Benton Harbor, Mich., were guests of Mrs. Susie Clark in State street during the Christmas holidays

The Matinee Whist Club were entertained Wednesday evening by several of the young men. They took supper at The Parker House, then later in the evening danced at Odd Fellows' Hall.

Mrs. Susie Clark and Miss Ruth Higgs entertained Monday evening in honor of the following visiting ladies: Mesdmes M. E Sawyer, Nancy Patterson; Misses May Lowry, Magnolia Brown and Lottie Higgs.

The following ladies entertained the Topaz Cluster during the week: Mrs. Emma Hillman on Monday; Mrs Dr. Johnson, Wednesday: Mrs Elizabeth Gee, Thursday; Miss Mary Palmer, Friday.

The installation of the pastor of Corinthian Baptist church, Rev. J. Franklin Walker will take place at said church to-morrow afternoon. George L. Knox will deliver the welcome address, and a pleasing program will be rendered.

A very sad death occurred in the home of Mrs. Sam Coleman, 1024 N. Senate avenue, Saturday, of her father, Mr. Leonard Dotson, from senity and cold. He was a lovely old man of a strong christian character, rich in piety and dying, it is said. mostly of a ripe age—being 82 years at his demise. His former home was in Frankfort, Ky. Interment in Crown Hill. He leaves his aged wife and a number of children and grand children and host of friends behind.

Mr. A. E. Manning, according to his statement, will in a few days succeed the Manning & Fox Drug Co. Owing to differences in the old management a receiver was appointed at the instigation of Mr. Fox. Mr. Manning will continue in business after Mr. Fox has been satisfied, as he personally holds a a lease on the building. The firm of Manning & Fox had begun to build up a nice trade. The location is excellent. Mr. Manning ought to succeed in making a first-class business there that will be a credit to the colored people.

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Windy City Items.

Chicago, Ill., Special.—Mme Marion Adams Harris received the sad intelligence of the death of her sister, last Sunday, who died in Baltimore, Md. In this sad hour she has the sympathy of all her friends. Rev. G. Shaw of Lagrange, Ill., filled Quinn Chapel's pulpit last Sunday morning very ably. He is a young man and deserves the encouragement of all the followers of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Sister F. B. Johnson, a member and coworker in Quinn Chapel, died suddenly in the full triumphs of heaven on the 28th. We extend to her husband, who was so devoted to her, our extreme sympathy. Prof. Edward F. Morris, chorister of Quinn Chapel, gave his second musicale to a large and appreciative audience. It was a success. The professor is one of Chicago's highly talented instructors. No conservatory turns out better pupils than he does. G. A. Patrick of Guthrie, Okla , who is traveling from the West to the East in the interest of his publication, a very interesting and clean sheet known as the "Western World," was in the city, and received the congratulations of The Freeman representative, for The Freeman's motto is "Live and Let Live." The entertainments given at Olivet Baptist church, last week, were successful. They were well patronized. Rev. E. E Fisher is their able and efficient pastor. The third branch of the Olivet Baptist church, known as the "Ebenezer," headed by Olivet's former pastor, Rev. J. H. Thomas, is reported as meeting with great success spiritually and financially. They have an option on a beautiful church in the city. Mrs. Raymore of 2536 Wabash avenue is suffering with a severe cold. There is a great deal of sickness in the city, partially due to the bad state of our water.

News Items from Old Kentuck.

Nicholasville, Ky., Special. — Subscribe for The Freeman. The December rally at the First Baptist church was a grand success, Messrs. Rally and Combs being the leaders, with Mrs. Mary Smally and Miss D. Arnold very close at their heels. The others, Messrs A. McAfee and H. Fry and Misses M. Clayborn and J. Warfield, didn't hear the drum tap. The Baptist Christmas fair was also a success. Our people, the Baptists, are fast learning to patronize home industries, much to the credit of C C. Goines our pastor. Mrs. Sallie Smith of Kansas City, Mo., is visiting her relatives here, Mr. and Mrs Isaac Combs. Misses Minnie Nolan and Sarah Dinnie of Danville, Ky., were the guests of Mrs Anna Clayborn on Christmas. James H. Wilson, our musical director, is soon to make a trip to Europe with the famous Armant 8th Battalion Band of Chicago as cornet soloist. We have had less drunken men and women this Christmas than ever before. Every one that has read The Freeman pronounces it the greatest Negro jurnal published James H. Wilson, agent, says read The Freeman and see how fast the Negro problem is being solved,

Items From the Lumber Region.

Jackson, Mich., Special.—Miss Bradley of Flint and Mr. Harrison are the guests of Miss Eva and Mr. Chas. Harrison. Mrs. Etta Phillips and Miss Ethel Phillips were the guests of Misses Eva and Flossie Johnson. Mrs. Belle Tyer and son, of Detroit is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Mamie Johnson. Miss Grace Tyler and Mr. Battles of Marshall were in the city Thursday. Mrs. Emma Moore and Mr Beal are very ill. Mr Geo. Powers left for Grand Rapids Sunday. Rev. Simpson, P E, held quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church Sunday. Watch-meeting was held at the A. M. E. church Wednesday night. Mr Floyd McDonald of the U of M. was in the city last week. Mr James Tolliver of Aline Mich , made Rev. and Mrs. Collins a flying visit on his way home to Battle Creek. Mrs. Eliza Freeman visited her sister at Ann Arbor last week. Anyone wishing the Freeman please call on our agent Miss Flossie M. Johnson, 216 E. Franklin street.

From Memphis.

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